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Standing watch

Alex Westra

Responding to a Monday afternoon fire in the attic of the College's Center for Educational Technology on Court Street in Middlebury, a Middlebury firefighter tends to a fire hydrant.

IHC outlines social house proposal

By Lindsay Frost
News Editor

The Inter-House Council (IHC) recently drafted a proposal that creates a new membership process and guidelines for the six Middlebury social houses. The proposal, which has been submitted for approval by Dean of Student Affairs Ann Hanson, outlines new procedures for the introduction and education processes, previously known as rush and pledge, and reinforces the roles of existing members.

After last spring's pledge violation by Omega Alpha, also known as Tavern, the IHC, which consists of the presidents and vice presidents of the six social houses on campus, was charged by the College with creating a new process for inducting new members. IHC members arrived on campus Aug. 31 and spent nearly two weeks drafting a proposal for the new membership process and, according to IHC President and Kappa Delta Rho (KDR) Vice President Ann Russell '01, making "an attitude change" for the entire system.

"Key changes surround the idea of making this system more accountable, on a personal level, house level and collective level," she said. "The guidelines and procedures [we have created] reflect a sense of unity among the houses."

Hanson said, "The proposal has some really important changes from previous proposals. All of the houses will need to work more closely together to accomplish the goals of the new plan."

The first point of the proposal concerns reinforcing the roles of existing members of the houses. Each house will establish a judiciary council that will oversee such issues as disrespect towards house members or destruction of the communal house environment, damage to the physical house, endangering the ideals of pledge, deviation from the pledge plan by a pledge or inter-house disrespect. The proposal calls the council a process for disciplinary action

Members will also be required to attend an education process introductory meeting before the introduction process begins. At this meeting, members will listen to a speaker about respect and risk management and, according to the proposal, become "more aware of their role in the education process and the expectation of the houses, the college and society." Each house will also hold a meeting for their members to introduce the new education process.

The proposal also reforms the introduction process, previously known as rush. The proposed introduction process will last two weeks instead of one so interested students can visit more houses and still continue their normal activities. A mandatory informational meeting will be held at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters for interested students.

A spring introduction meeting for first-years will also be held in late spring so they can be introduced to the social house system and plan for their sophomore fall.

In addition, provisional members and current members will also sign a "Freedom of Actions" agreement similar to the "Challenge by Choice" of previous years. This agreement, according to the proposal, "acknowledges the fact that the level of involvement by a provisional member is determined by this person," and allows the provisional members to voice concerns, disagreements or discomforts.

Concerning the education process, previously known as pledge, the proposal focuses on "more accountability with the approval committee." Each house will present its education plan to a committee consisting of the IHC advisor, the IHC president and two faculty or staff members. The committee will discuss the plan with house leaders, review and approve the plan. The committee will also meet with house leaders midway through the education process and at the end of the process for an evaluation.

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Football-free Homecoming has alums on offensive

By Peter Yordan
Staff Writer

The Homecoming football game, a traditional fixture at the College's annual Homecoming festivities, will be replaced this year by an extended commemoration of Middlebury College's 200th anniversary, a decision which has upset some alumni and members of the College community.

Alumni planning to return to the College during Homecoming weekend recently expressed disapproval over the College's decision to move the Homecoming celebration to the first weekend of November in order to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the College's charter, which was signed on Nov. 1, 1800. However, that weekend the football team will be in Clinton, New York, playing Hamilton College.

The College said it stand behind their decision to hold the event at a time when the football team will be away. The organizers decided to postpone the date of Homecoming to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the signing of the College's charter.

"President McCardell, being a historian, felt it was important that we accurately commemorate the occasion," said Ingrid Punderson, associate director of alumni programs. "After all, an event like this only happens every 200 years."

The decision to hold the Bicen-

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Middlebury remains one of the greenest campuses

But is the College's vision for the future a sustainable one?

By Tim McCahill
Assistant News Editor

NEWS analysis

To get an idea of how environmentally-minded Middlebury is, one need only look as far as the College Handbook. Page nine of the book contains a mission statement drafted by Middlebury's Environmental Council and endorsed by the Board of Trustees in 1995.

The statement provides a broad overview of the College's commitment to its natural surroundings, and declares that "respect and care for the environment, sustainable living ... are among the fundamental values that guide planning, decision making, and procedures." But how closely does the literature reflect the reality?

With talk of parking problems and building projects appearing all over the College radar screen, a general responsibility towards properly maintaining the campus' internal and external environment has come to the forefront of the debate on Middlebury's vision for the future.

While some students decry an overly aggressive plan for campus expansion, members of the administration maintain that all necessary precautions are being taken to en-

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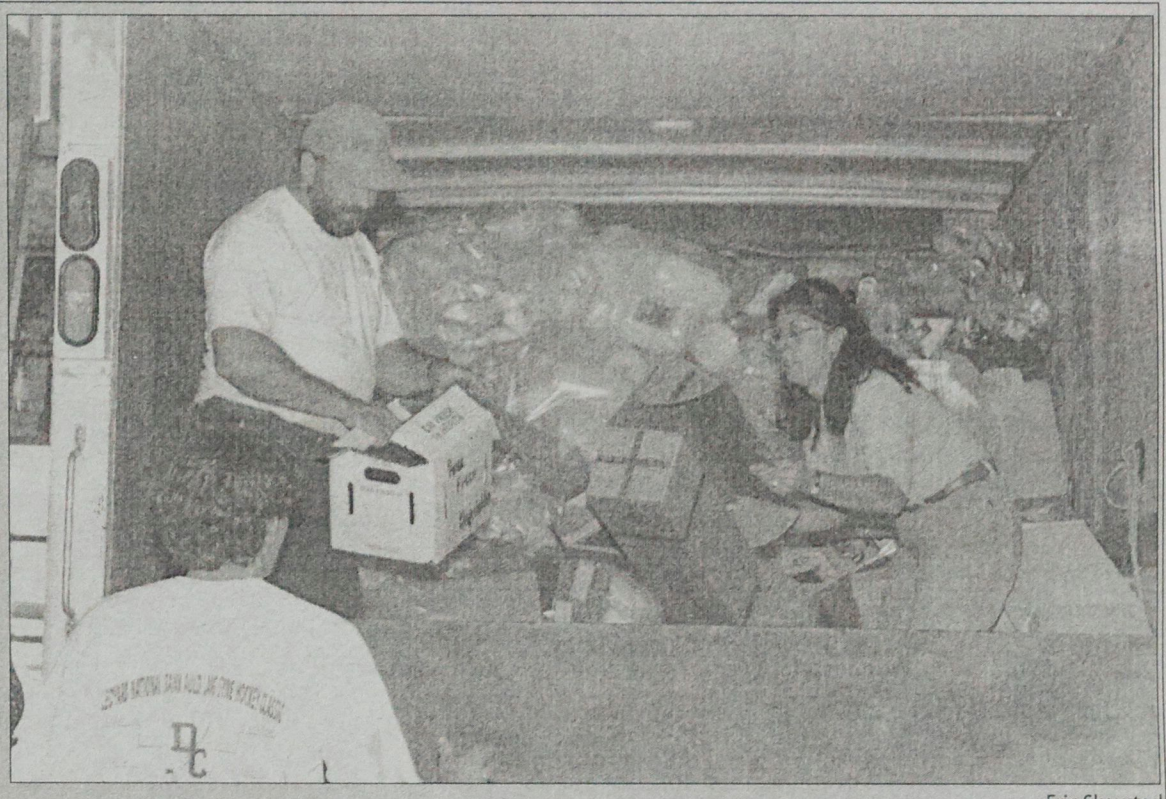

Eric Skovsted

The Middlebury recycling service has been one of the great successes of the College's environmental program. Both students and full time employees staff the service, a job that entails collecting and sorting recyclable goods.

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Minerva promises big improvements

By Jon White
Staff Writer

A series of meetings have taken place during the past week, with a final meeting Wednesday, to help familiarize students and faculty with the ongoing Minerva Project. The multi-year project promises to implement major administrative information changes across all tiers of campus life, according to Minerva Project Manager David Donahue.

Project Minerva began in October 1998 with an evaluation of the College's present administrative information systems with the ultimate goal of finding out what should be done to improve the system. Computer-based administrative information systems on campus handle anything from MARS, to personal student information, to billing, pay roll and innumerable functions within the College's administration.

Middlebury's current administrative information handling systems are homegrown and as Donahue points out, "They have served the College extremely well for 15 to 20 years." In spite of this, Donahue said that "the marketplace has matured and Middlebury will be better served with a specific vendor application rather than continuing to rely on its old system."

Accordingly Project Minerva has targeted the vendor SCT Corporation of Philadelphia to supply the school with a new administrative system. The new system's name is "Banner" and has been implemented smoothly and used without incident on campuses across the nation. Donahue noted that SCT has over 1,100 clients, including schools as large in size as Virginia Tech to Middlebury-sized schools like Colgate University.

The Project Minerva choice of the SCT Corporation's "Banner" marks the most substantial development in the two year-old project.

The "Banner" system will consolidate administrative information systems. It will be able to track information, perform specialized functions and out put information for use by students, faculty and staff. Donahue said the system has five different modules responsible for finance, student-related functions, financial aid, human resources and alumni services. Of these modules, the one relating to student functions is particularly complex, covering administrative needs ranging from admissions to registration.

Part of the package SCT offers Middlebury is a campus pipeline, a higher education portal. For those unfamiliar with the technological jargon, a portal is an access site that can be specialized much like Yahoo!. The portal will eventually serve as a means of relaying information between the college's administration, faculty and students.

Donahue said he envisions the portal acting as a type of "college-wide bulletin board" in which students and faculty can post important messages and have them conveyed to others. Donahue also said that students may be able to check e-mail from the portal, as well as customize the portal to provide easy-access course information, sports scores, weather or an up-to-date listing of campus events.

Donahue said that key decisions about the usage of the portal have yet to be made and will most likely involve student input. One of the reasons for the recent information sessions has been to update and inform students of the Minerva Project's current status, but Donahue also said that advice, suggestions and concerns raised by the college community are valuable to the shaping of the system.

Donahue said that the Minerva Project and the transfer to the SCT "Banner" system will "affect all aspects of campus life in some way." For certain campus employees working in administrative positions, Donahue said that switching away from Middlebury's homegrown system to the "Banner" system would be analogous to "coming to dinner and being told to use a knife now instead of a fork."

"The changes will be a challenge" said Donahue, "and it will be interesting to observe the human element and reaction to the changes."

Donahue emphasized, however, that given the increasing reliance of society upon technology, changes of this nature are bound to occur throughout all strata of professional and academic environments. "Students in particular will experience significant technological changes of this nature in their post-college lives," said Donahue.

In the process of switching over to the new system, students will have the opportunity to gain exposure not only to the "Banner" system being used in administrative formats throughout the country, but also to "Oracle," the type of software that "Banner" runs off.

"Oracle" has been a leading name in technology," said Donahue, and interested students will have the first-hand opportunity to become more familiar with these systems and platforms.

Donahue said he strongly encourages student involvement in the project. The last in the series of meetings concerning Minerva will take place Wednesday, September 20.

Silhouetted singing

Andrew Corrigan

Silhouetted against the large window in the Great Hall, *the Mischords give a concert during Campus Discovery Day.*

Satellite ban leads to student concern

By Dan O'Brien
Staff Writer .

A group of students who had purchased satellite "mini dishes" prior to their being banned by the Residential Life Committee in 1999 is asking the College to allow them for permission to keep their dishes.

The group, led by Phil Wood-Smith '01, the Student Government Association (SGA) chief of staff, has asked the College to allow their satellite dishes to be grandfathered in under previous regulations, claiming financial hardship among other concerns.

The new regulations have been extremely unpopular with students who were eager to install satellite dishes this fall. Many complained of the fact that Middlebury is one of a limited number of colleges without the option of television in the rooms. Satellite dishes at least provided the option of television to students who truly wanted it.

Cable television is already available in the common areas of residence halls, as well in some senior housing.

Although the Residential Life Committee voted to ban the dishes in 1999 citing aesthetic and safety concerns, the regulation did not appear in student handbooks until this fall.

In addition, the College sent affected students letters this summer reminding them of the school policy.

The individual commons administrations handled the satellite issue last year, according to Frances Magee, associate dean of student affairs and a longtime member of the Residential Life Committee.

"The regulation was not in the Handbook last year. Each commons office strongly discouraged students from bringing dishes to campus. But because the ban was not in the handbook, several students did have dishes," she said.

Magee said there are three reasons for the ban on satellite dishes. "There is a safety issue," she said. "We don't want students hanging out of windows trying to install their systems."

Wood-Smith said that Facilities Management personnel could help students install dishes, but Magee said the idea was impractical. "Facilities Management is already extremely busy at the start of school making sure that everyone has the proper bedding and furniture," she said.

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>
> —Phillip Wood-Smith '01

Magee also said that installation of satellite dishes causes excessive dorm damage, and, once installed, are asthetically displeasing.

Wood-Smith said he disputed both assertions in a letter to Dean of Student Affairs Ann Craig Hanson. The letter, dated September 1, 2000, asks the College to allow students to bring previously purchased dishes to campus.

Proper installation "causes easily repairable damage that is commensurate with damage caused by other accepted room usages," Wood-Smith wrote.

He further claimed, "The limited number of satellite dishes on campus prior to the Residential Life decision will not unreasonably damage the aesthetics of the campus."

Assistant Provost Tim Spears, who works with residential life issues in the commons administration, said that satellite installation does cause serious damage to college facilities.

"The Residential Life Committee talked to Norm Cushman and Linda Ross of Facilities Management. Screwing brackets and other necessary materials into the walls is not good for our buildings," he said.

Although he is not trying to reverse the satellite ban altogether, Wood-Smith said he believes that financial concerns of those who have previously purchased dishes override other reasoning.

"Satellite dishes generally cost a significant amount of money. The users of these systems on campus purchased them with the understanding that the dishes could be used for the duration of their undergraduate career. They made their decision with the understanding that the cost of the system would be spread out over a number of years of use," he said in his letter to Hanson.

Wood-Smith said he believes that allowing those students with satellite dishes to use them on campus is consistent with college policy.

"The school has, when it changed policy in the past, grandfathered those who have entered commitments or made decisions influenced by that policy," he said, referring specifically to changes in the International Studies program.

Assistant Provost Spears said he remains, at least for now, unconvinced. "The policy is clear," he said.

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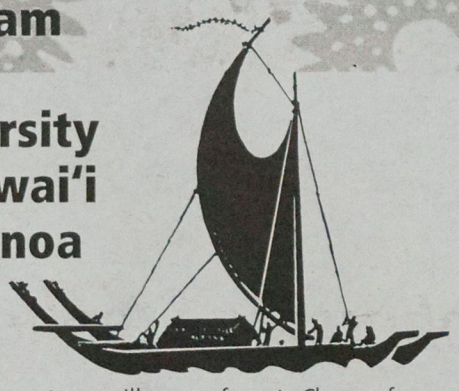

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Revamped SGA determines self-scheduled exams to be top priority

By Bob Wainwright
News Editor

This fall, a newly revamped Student Government Association (SGA) is planning to use a smaller size to its advantage by accomplishing as many of its goals as possible. Current SGA President Ben Johns '01.5 is responsible for the fewer SGA positions this year, a decision made by the SGA last spring, and he said he is excited about the change, which he hopes will create greater accountability for members.

The new SGA student senate will consist of two representatives from each class, two representatives from each commons, a Feb representative from each Feb class and an Inter-House Council (IHC) representative. Individual dorms will no longer have representatives.

"Shrinking the body allowed us to conquer and take on things that we could not have done with a larger body," Johns explained. "We feel that SGA can now become a forum for issues that directly affect the students."

Johns said his first goal for the SGA is to get a foot in the door on the self-scheduled exams issue. Currently, students are exempt from an exam only if they have three in one day. Johns hopes to make that number two.

"Currently, the system in place penalizes you for having two exams on the same day. We do not intend to move towards a blanket mandate on the issue, but rather find a way to allow students the option not to take two exams on the same day," he said. Johns said he and other SGA members will be meeting with President McCardell and other administrators soon to discuss the issue.

The SGA's second goal is to improve student employment at Middlebury. Minimum wage is currently $5.75 at Middlebury, compared to $6.25 at Williams. According to Johns, "There should not be a discrepancy." The Office of Human Resources has been compiling information on the subject for six months, so they should be prepared to show their findings sometime soon.

Since the honor code is up for review this year, the SGA is planning to make sure there is conformity on the issue. "Right now, plagiarism is penalized more severely than cheating," said Johns. "We need for the administration to look into intent when deciding punishments for such acts."

An extension of the drop/add period for students is fourth on the agenda. Last year, the faculty voted to change the period during which students may drop a course from seven to five weeks.

The new change places the end of the period one week before mid-term exams, a time when many classes test for the first time.

"The new policy does not allow students the ability to get a feeling for how they are doing in their classes before they must decide if they should drop one of them," said Johns. With that in mind, the SGA is proposing either an extension of the drop/add period or a type of preliminary assessment on how a student is performing in a course.

As of now, the fifth and final goal of the SGA this year is to improve upon student-security relations. Johns is especially interested in forming a committee made up of security and students, which will be able to hear out grievances filed by students on topics such as citations, security handling of situations, and parking tickets. Johns is also looking for a reassessment of the alcohol policy.

"Student safety should be the foremost concern," Johns said. "The disciplinary side should come after that."

Meanwhile, Community Council Co-Chair Brian Elworthy said he has had his hands full too, choosing this year's six student members of the Council.

Elworthy said that the first proposal on the docket for the committee is the IHC's proposal for new rush and pledge processes, which, he added, "has been well received by the faculty."

Elworthy also said this year's Community Council will be more of a "proactive" group than in the past, and will always be ready to take on the issues that students care about most.

Voting for SGA elections for the remaining open positions will be held September 28 from 4 p.m. Thursday till 4 p.m. Friday on the SGA web site at www.middlebury.edu/~sga.

SGA's Goals for the new academic year

1. Move towards self-scheduled exams
2. Improve student employment rates
3. Create conformity in Honor Code policy
4. Propose extension to drop/add period or allow for a preliminary assessment
5. Improve student/security relations

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—Ben Johns '01.5

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Elworthy announces new members of Community Council

By Kate Klapfish
Staff Writer

This week, Brian Elworthy '02.5, student co-chair of the Community Council, selected David Cohen '01, Kevin King '02, Michelle Mejia '02, Meghan Mitchell '01, Erica Rosenthal '02.5, Phillip Wood-Smith '01, alternates Lydie Hudson '01 and Sara Schuman '02.5 and Secretary Jameson Tweedie '01 as members of the council.

Co-chair of Community Council Brian Elworthy '02.5 said his selection of this year's council from 40 candidates was an "arduous process, but a very interesting experience."

The president of the Student Government Association (SGA), Ben Johns '01.5, will also serve on the council.

Cohen, a political science/philosophy double major from Dallas, Tex., brings a wide range of student government experience to Community Council. He served on the Task Force for Judicial Governance and the Governance Task Force his sophomore year, as well as being the Kelly dorm representative.

Last year, Cohen was the SGA chief-of-staff, chair of the Governance Task Force, chair of the Publications Committee and a member of the Elections Committee.

Of this year's council Cohen said, "It seems like a good group of people, and I'm excited to tackle the issues."

King served last year as the Hadley dorm representative and is a political science major from Columbus, Ohio.

New to student government this year, Mejia is a political science major who hails from New York City. Mitchell is a resident of Bronxville, N.Y. and a political science major. She served on the Community Council last year.

A junior February graduate, Rosenthal spent her first semester on Community Council last year and served as recording secretary for the presidential cabinet and was a member of the February Study Committee. She resides in Pennington, N.J. and is an American civilization major with a focus in American politics.

In addition to Community Council, Wood-Smith, a political science major from Rye, N.Y., was appointed as SGA chief of staff this year. He has been a member of Community Council for the past two years and has worked as an editor for *The Campus*.

Johns, the current SGA president, was the representative for his sophomore and junior classes, and has served on the Appeals, Constitution and Student-Alumni Relations committees. He is an economics major from Columbus, Ohio.

Hudson, an alternate for the council, is an international politics and economics major from Madison, Wis., who has been a member of the Community Council, Human Relations Committee and Renovations Committee, as well as the dorm representative for Stewart.

Alternate Schuman is an international politics and economics major from Delray Beach, Fla. and was the secretary for Community Council last year.

Secretary Tweedie is involved with a variety of other organizations on campus but has held no previous positions in student government. He is a joint geography-computer science major from Lundbreck, Alberta, Canada.

Elworthy, a political science major from Andover, Mass., is the Community Council co-chair.

He accepted applications last spring for positions on the council and made his final decisions this week after review of the applications and interviews with students.

He said his selection of this year's council from 40 candidates was an "arduous process, but a very interesting experience."

Last year, the SGA voted to give the Community Council co-chair sole responsibility in choosing student council members.

However, all members must be approved by the student senate.

"Technically I did make the final decision," Elworthy commented, "but a lot of that decision was based on conversations with other cabinet members — the director of membership, Ben Johns and various others. Everyone concurred. I didn't want to impose my decisions on everyone."

The Community Council, which includes student, faculty and staff representatives, is an advisory committee to President McCardell and meets weekly to discuss ideas and propose new policies.

The motivations behind young voters

The 2000 Election

Bringing the campaigns closer to home

By Bob Wainwright
News Editor

What Motivates a Person to Vote?

People often refer to the democratic process as the heart and soul of our nation. Yet many do not even take the time once a year to vote for their local, state and national leaders. So, what is it that pushes people in one direction or another? According to a June 18 article written by Darcy Lockman for Voter.com, "Despite what seems like the constant polling of the electorate, very little is known about what motivates people to step in the booth."

In the same article, it was reported that a January 2000 Gallup poll found that 80 percent of the voting population believes it does make a difference who is elected president. Yet a sufficient number of those people simply did not care to take part in the process. For those who did care the reasons were numerous.

Some believe it is a person's civic duty to vote. Others are dissatisfied with the current policies and take a personal stance on the issues. "You can't complain if you don't vote," was an answer shared by many people.

Despite this, the fact is that millions of Americans take no role in the democratic process. The percentage of the population which votes for presidential elections every four years has never dipped much below 50 percent. That said, let us now shift our attention to the youngest group of voting Americans, those aged 18 to 24.

What Has Changed Since 1972?

In 1972, President Nixon ratified the 26th amendment, which lowered the voting age to 18. That year, young voters turned out in droves (most with the image of an end to the Vietnam War strong in their minds) to vote in the presidential election. Yet, since that year when 50 percent of young Americans made it to the voting booths, voter participation in that age bracket has steadily declined. In 1996, less than one-third of Americans between 18 and 24 voted in the presidential election.

Furthermore, in a survey conducted by Project Vote Smart in September of last year, 23 percent of people aged 18 to 24 did not know that Al Gore was the vice president of the United States. And, while 45 percent planned to vote, only 65 percent were registered. While the second figure has certainly increased since the survey, the first is expected to actually decrease by the time of the election on November 7.

What Factors Have Led to the Decline in Voting?

Many factors are responsible for the large number of young Americans who do not see the need to vote. The factors include frustration with the system at large, a common belief that one individual's vote cannot make a difference and a mobility issue.

Middlebury Student Government Association (SGA) President Ben Johns '01.5 summed up his response to the problem in the following statement: "I think that apathy and discontent with the political system are certainly to blame. Many things young people have hoped would be accomplished have never been pushed through.... Mobility has a lot to do with it too. The majority of us here at college are from out-of-state, and for many, obtaining an absentee ballot is just one on a long list of things we should do, but will probably never come around to completing."

In a June 21, 2000 article on CNNfyi.com, Brian Elms, the director of the National Youth in Action Campaign, elaborated on the mobility problem. "Younger people are more likely to be mobile. They move a lot; they change jobs, and therefore, they're less likely to know where to vote." (In last week's *Campus*, Voter.com was revealed as an excellent place to register or obtain an absentee ballot.)

Are Today's Young Men and Women Simply Lazy?

A common belief regarding the lack of younger voters is that they are simply too lazy to vote. They do not appreciate the democratic system as their elders do. While it is certainly a legitimate concern to have, it would not be wise to voice it to today's young, because they just might have plenty of things to say in response. Perhaps surprising to some, they could make a pretty good case in their defense.

In the summer of 1999, 7,500 students gave up three months of beer guzzling, tanning, and babe watching to help build houses for Habitat for Humanity. That number increased this past summer as well. Disenchanted by political scandals and partisanship, the majority of young Americans have turned towards activism as a substitute for politics.

According to an article by Trinity Hartman in the March 19, 1999 *Salt Lake Tribune*, "More than 90 percent of young people believe that helping others is the most important thing they can do as citizens." Hence, it should be no surprise that 70 percent of people aged 18 to 24 volunteer their time to community efforts, a higher percentage than any previous generation. Commenting on the community efforts of today's young Americans, Johns said, "They [young people] want to have a direct effect on social problems. They feel that their votes won't affect how the system is governed. They want to see change in front of their eyes."

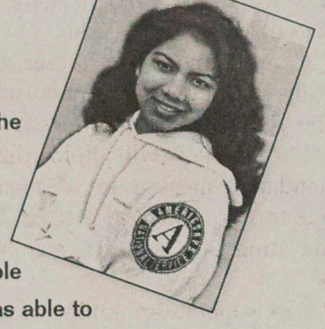
Is There Any Hope?

Internet voting may increase voter turnout in years to come. For instance, Arizona conducted its recent democratic primary online, setting new turnout records. However, the use of the Internet for such a thing as a presidential election is still years away.

Right now, however, both democrats and republicans alike are attempting to reach out to younger voters. Al Gore's eldest daughter Karenna Schiff, age 26, has been the candidate's greatest asset in reaching out to the so-called Generation X. Juggling law school and a new baby, she has even hit the campaign trail, winning support for her father from all walks of life, but especially from people closer to her own age.

On the Republican side, George Bush Jr. has enlisted the help of his 24-year-old heartthrob nephew, George P. Bush, to win over young voters. Preaching a message of inclusion not exclusion, George P. Bush has wowed crowds with his magnetic personality. Since his mother is originally from Mexico, George P. Bush uses Spanish in many of his speeches and is especially appealing to young Hispanic Americans.

"AmeriCorps taught me things I couldn't have learned in school."



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Amy Seif, the College's environmental coordinator works with students, staff and the administration to develop Middlebury's environmental mission.

College takes environmental outlook

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sure sustainable development of the College.

How 'green' is 'green'?

In a survey conducted by environmental studies students at Dartmouth College, Middlebury was ranked first in many categories among neighboring New England schools for the level of attention paid to environmental principles in building and maintaining its campus.

The survey, completed in 1997, recognized Middlebury for its energy efficient heating system, as well as its "installation of low-flow shower heads." The report also commended the College for its integration of students into discussions of campus environmental topics — in the form of the Environmental Council — and for a highly-developed waste management system.

Running alongside such lofty praise, however, were a series of recommendations for improvement which remain controversial three years later. These included topics such as campus parking and internal transportation (the report suggested that the College "avoid paving any further pristine areas for parking lots"), as well as one of the highest "annual per capita kilowatt hours consumed" among other New England schools.

Keeping the College eco-friendly

The College's generally high rating in this rigorous audit reveals the degree to which administrators have incorporated a standard of environmental quality into Middlebury's plans for current improvement and future development. This quality is seen most clearly in the Guiding Principles, a list of standards that the College , and contracting or construction firms working on College building sites , must adhere to when considering a potential development. The Principles will "be introduced to all individuals and organizations involved in the design, construction, maintenance and demolition of campus buildings and landscapes" so that all facets of sustainable living on campus —from water use to on-campus lighting — will be considered and respected.

"Why does this college operate in this way?" asked David Ginevan of Facilities Planning. "Because it makes sense from an environmental point of view, it makes sense in terms of the world we live in today. We're not doing anything special. All we're doing is acting responsibly."

Indeed, the Guiding Principles mentioned above form a key component of the College's master building plan, a document drawn up in 1996 that is meant to serve as Middlebury's blueprint for future campus expansion.

The plan includes portions that relate specifically to safeguarding the campus' natural environment as well as its surroundings. Chapter 4 of the plan, "Open Space and Natural Features Objectives," states that a "respect for natural features" and "context in and around Middlebury, including the village and farming environment," should be maintained as the College grows. Chapter 3 calls for the development of a "pedestrian campus" with "minimized driving."

To ensure that the College adhere to both the Guiding Principles and the master building plan a Projects Review Committee was established in 1999. According to the committee's Web site, it is tasked with "[reviewing] proposals for new development, renovations and environmentally related projects including the built and natural environment, during the concept and planning phases." The committee maintains an active voice in deciding the future of such projects as the Storrs Avenue Library and senior housing in Ross Commons.

IHC works together to create cohesive proposal

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According to Francy Magee, associate dean of student affairs and the IHC advisor, the new policy concerning approval of education process plans is different because under the new policy houses will actually follow their pledge plan instead of leaving many events out of the plan and keeping them secret.

"There is a commitment to no deception and having everything out there, what is planned being talked about," she said.

The proposal also includes an "education process violation response" where the IHC will terminate any education process if the house has alcohol at an education process event, a violation of the College's anti-hazing policy or any deception.

If any incident occurs, the education process for all houses will be postponed and the IHC will meet to investigate the incident.

If the IHC decides that the house in violation's education process should be terminated, the education process of all houses will be postponed for one week from the day the IHC president learned of the original incident.

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> **—Francy Magee, associate dean of student affairs and IHC advisor**

The specific length of the education process is not stated in the proposal because each house will set its own length for the education process, although the process may not exceed a certain set number of weeks. According to Russell, the houses prefer to keep the length of the education process secret.

Houses will set the length of the education process in their meetings with the approval committee.

"[The IHC's] integrity and their courage to make this change really ensures the existence of the social houses at Middlebury at this point," Magee said. "[This proposal] really demonstrates their commitment to moving the social houses along with the changing times at Middlebury."

Jess Pasko '01, president of Xenia, said, "I'm personally really excited about it because I think for the first time, we're all accountable for each other. As the president of Xenia, the last house to join the IHC and social house system...and a substance-free social house, it's especially important because it's allowed us to find where we fit into the whole system."

"I think it's a very solid proposal that meets the needs of the houses, the administration and the student body," said Corey Wilk '01, president of Tavern. "It prevents the type of mishap and miscommunication that happened to us last semester from happening again this year."

"We have to be unified with the knowledge that we all have a shared destiny," said Pasko.

Hanson said, "The houses are really working well together now. This IHC is extremely cohesive."

The houses will hold their mandatory meeting for all members to introduce and discuss the education process on September 24.

Any sophomore, junior or senior interested in joining a house must attend the mandatory introductory meeting held on October 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Dana Auditorium.

The proof of the pudding is the eating thereof

But even with all the monitoring, room for error does exist. A prominent example is the wetland that was filled in with cement during construction of the Ridgeline parking lot in 1996.

In last week's issue of *The Middlebury Campus* Tom McGinn, project manager for Facilities Planning, said that the lot was filled in because of "carelessness" and "not paying attention." Amy Seif, Environmental Coordinator for the College, said she agreed. "I think the people who filled in the wetland were not aware," she said.

Although Seif said that Middlebury's monitoring system was "an innovative system for environmental review," mistakes are inevitable as the College expands. "Will we make any [mistakes] in the future? Absolutely," Ginevan said. "But you can't do anything because you're afraid of mistakes."

Ginevan's comment reflects a very simple but fundamental reality to what the College intends for future expansion.

Over the next few years the College will be building — and building rapidly. What matters, Seif said, is that "the College build responsibly."

Bicentennial dominates Homecoming

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tennial Celebration on the exact anniversary of the school's charter unfortunately conflicted with NESCAC scheduling, which is decided several years in advance of the actual season. The College was unable to convince the athletic conference to amend the schedule to allow Middlebury to play a home game the week of the anniversary.

The week will still be filled with activities and ceremonies for visiting alumni. The College has gone to great lengths to commemorate its founding, starting with the Bicentennial Convocation in full academic regalia on Wednesday. A parade through town and a symposium on e-commerce will follow the ceremony, until the celebration is capped off with the Bicentennial Ball on Saturday night.

"We wanted to get the greatest number of alumni back on campus for the Bicentennial, and we felt connecting it with Homecoming was the best way to accomplish that," said Public Relations Director Phil Benoit.

"We decided that for the 200th anniversary it was justifiable. We wanted to do it right," he said.

While some alumni said they have threatened to create their own Homecoming Day in order to watch a football game, the College said that it sees no problem with that and would always welcome its alumni back on campus.

President McCardell said, "I hope they come back. I hope a lot of them come back. I hope they have a great time."

President McCardell said he also sees the controversy as being started by recent graduates who like to use the football game as a social venue.

"Is this about being able to see your friends at the game or is it about Homecoming?" he asked in response to their complaints. "Homecoming is an event for alumni of all ages, not just the young."

According to the College, alumni can expect things to return to normal next year, with Homecoming occurring in October during the height of the fall athletic season.

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Civil unions remain controversial

By Ashley Elpern
Local News Editor

The controversy surrounding Vermont's civil union bill, signed by Gov. Howard Dean on April 26, has only grown in recent months. The law grants gay and lesbian couples the same privileges as married heterosexual couples by issuing "civil union" licenses, a parallel system to marriage. On Dec. 22, 1999, the Vermont State Supreme Court, finding that the rights of homosexual couples in Vermont were being denied, ordered the state legislature to remedy the situation.

When Dean announced his signing of the state legislature's landmark bill, he did so in the privacy of his State House office in the presence of 15 staff members. According to an article in *The Rutland Herald* on April 27, he did this because he hoped to "extend a hand" to those who disagree with the law. Dean said that he feared any show of victory "would further alienate those opponents by sending an 'us' versus 'them' message where 'us' won."

Dean realized the complexity of the civil unions issue for Vermonters. "We are never going to succeed in bringing people together if we brand all people who opposed this law as bigots," said Dean in *The Herald*. "This law only works if we bring the opponents back to accept this. No law can change people's hearts."

Immediately after Dean's signature validated the bill into law, gay and lesbian advocates hailed the law as a valiant move forward in their fight for equal rights. Opponents claimed it to be a step towards the degradation of traditional marriage. "It's a historic time for Vermont's gays and lesbians," said David Elliot, a spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in *The Herald* on April 28. "The Vermont Legislature has recognized what we across the country already know: Our committed, loving relationships deserve recognition by the state."

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Early Civil Unions

The civil union law went into effect on July 1, 2000. Annette Cappy, the town clerk of Brattleboro, decided to open as early as possible on that day, just after midnight. "It seemed like the nice thing to do," said Cappy in an article in *The Herald* on July 2 in response to the request made by a local couple. "This office stayed open for 24 hours on the first day of hunting season. I figure if we did it for people who came here to shoot animals, I can do it for two people who are in love."

Just after midnight on July 1, Carolyn Conrad and Kathleen Peterson of Brattleboro became the first same-sex couple united under Vermont's civil union law. Shortly after their marriage ceremony, she returned to her office for her second appointment. Cappy had five more appointments for later in the day, including one couple from North Carolina.

Resistance

Not all town clerks accepted the civil union law. Many clerks, such as Susan Fortunati of Corinth, have no intention of complying with it. There is no choice about complying with the law, but clerks have options on how to do it. Some have responded by delegating the issuing of civil union licenses to assistants and at least one clerk has resigned in protest.

"It's a very agonizing situation," said Fortunati in an article in in *The Herald* on July 5. She stated that she is not about to issue the licenses and may not ask an assistant to do it either.

Defiance bears a high price. The Attorney General's office has written to defiant Fairfield town clerk Gerry Longway that she is obligated to ensure that the law is carried out and that she will face civil lawsuits and monetary damages for refusing.

Sign of the times

Andrew Corrigan

Staring drivers in the face as they pass on Munger Street, *a defaced sign shows the tension over Vermont's gubernatorial elections.*

In response to the civil union law, many vocal citizens opposed to same-sex marriages have rallied under the cry of "Take Back Vermont." Craig Benson, vice president of Take It to the People, spoke at a rally outside the State House on July 2. "This is a day of rejoicing for but a small minority of Vermont citizens," said Benson. "It's a very sad reminder of the arrogance of the Dean administration in the face of the majority of Vermonters' strong and vocal public opposition to the civil union legislation."

Benson and other speakers urged opponents of the civil unions to register voters and support politicians who would overturn the law next year, and defeat the legislators who supported the law, especially Governor Dean.

Publicity of Civil Unions

No official tallies were kept, but a survey found that town clerks near the state's southern border were the busiest. Many out of state couples have driven to Vermont to obtain civil unions.

According to Bennington Town Clerk Timothy Corcoran in an article in *The Herald* on July 16, "the ones from out of state know they are just making a statement," referring to the fact that the benefits of same-sex unions will not be recognized beyond Vermont's borders.

Civil unions originally were front page news in Vermont, but newspaper editors say they will treat announcements of same-sex unions just as traditional marriages The Brattleboro Reformer made national news over a decade ago when it became the first mainstream newspaper in the nation to publish a gay wedding announcement for John Calvi and Marshall Brewer of Putney. Last year, it ran a tenth anniversary announcement for Calvi and Brewer, who plan to enter a civil union on their anniversary in August.

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STATE briefs

By Ashley Elpern
Local News Editor

Burke Mountain ski area sold to a mystery bidder

An anonymous bidder became the new owner of the bankrupt Burke Mountain ski area after a lengthy two-and-a-half hour auction on Saturday, Sept. 16. The resorts, totalling 1,700 acres, were carved up and sold as many smaller parcels of land. Burke Mountain, a Northeast Kingdom landmark, seemed to be in the hands of Miami, Florida resident Chuck Broeman. Broeman bid up to $ 1.8 million, promising to keep Burke's landholdings together. He gained wide-spread approval from the over 200 spectators crowded into the base lodge of the mountain. In the final round of bidding, Broeman shocked the crowd by dropping out when the stakes were raised to $1.9 million. With his failure to bid, Broeman ensured that the resort be split into several parcels of land to be contested over by over 24 bidders. Under the bidding rules, the ski area as a whole must add a five percent premium over the prices offered in the individual bids, resulting in the $1.9 million. The winning bidder escaped from the crowd after he made his final bid. In this came the ski area, of 660 acres, all its lifts and facilities for the price of $300,000. Auctioneer Thomas Hirchak declined to reveal the man's name, and only stated that the buyer had 45 days to close on the sale and wanted to remain anonymous.

Vermont's own "survivor" contest gets a winner

Jodi Goldman, a reporter for WVNY-TV 22, became the winner of a brand new Saturn car on Friday, September 15. In a contest modeled after the TV show, "Survivor," Goldman and four other contestants spent a week in a tent with little to eat, little sleep, and erratic weather conditions. Contestants were given daily challenges and were voted out one by one. The event was sponsored by the 95 Triple X radio station and the Saturn Dealership on Shelburne Road in South Burlington. Goldman was declared the winner after balancing on a cinder block while holding one hand on the grand prize for over eight hours. "I am exhausted mentally and physically," Goldman stated following her victory over Mike Gay. Goldman said that Gay was "an amazing opponent, a wonderful person and a tough competitior." She plans to sell her '94 Toyota Corolla with multiple problems and over 100,000 miles - "for whatever it's worth."

Vermont bird free of West Nile virus

On Friday, September 15, Vermont state health officials reported that 18 birds from 15 towns across the state have tested negative for the potentially fatal West Nile Virus. Peter Galbraith, the state epidemiologist, stated that a total of 58 birds from Vermont have been tested this year, and all were free of the virus. The state is waiting on the results for 83 more birds that were recently found. Galbraith said that birds and mosquitoes in Massachusetts and New York have been found to have strains of the West Nile virus, and an infected bird was recently found in Manchester, New Hampshire. After signs of the disease were found in New York counties bordering Vermont, state officials stepped up the monitoring for the virus. West Nile can be transmitted to humans by mosquito bites but the disease usually causes few symptoms. In 1999, seven people, all over the age of 75, were killed and 62 others were sickened in New York.

Sources: *The Rutland Herald* and *The Burlington Free Press*

Flanagan looks toward U.S. Senate, faces tough challenge

By Ashley Elpern
Local News Editor

Ed Flanagan made history in 1992 as the first and only gay statewide elected official in the nation when he became Vermont's state auditor. With a primary victory over Democrat Jan Backus, Flanagan is now one step closer to entering the U.S. Senate. He faces a formidable challenge in Republican candidate James Jeffords, who will be running for his third term in the U.S. Senate.

While Flanagan attended Harvard Law School, he served as an intern on Capitol Hill and was inspired by the great debates on civil rights, Vietnam, and labor issues.

Flanagan worked in the Carter administration as a political analyst in the late 1970s, then returned to practice law in Vermont before being elected as the state auditor.

In his Sept. 13 acceptance speech, Flanagan promised to "fight for and deal with the important issues that affect Vermonters."

He then launched his platform for improving health care for all Americans in response to Jeffords' statement that the last thing Washington needed was to be shaken up.

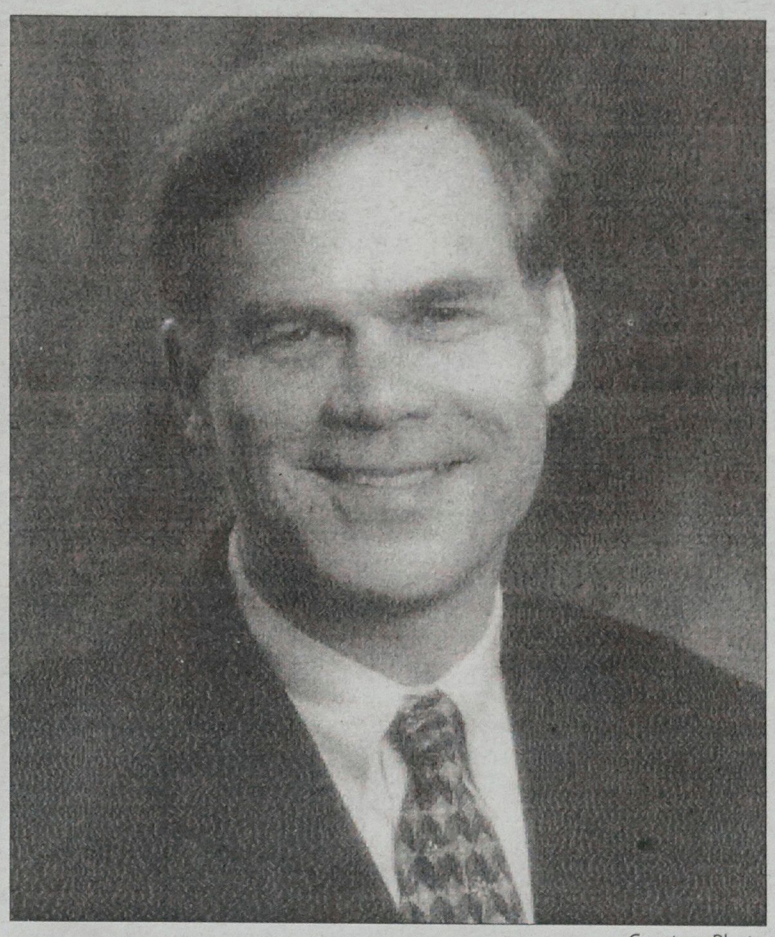
"In this great prosperity that Americans are enjoying, there still remain 45 million Americans who are uninsured, more than there were six years ago when Jim Jeffords entered his current term," Flanagan stated. "I think that when Vermonters have to decide whether to have a nutritious meal on their table or a decent housing and have to choose between that and prescription drugs, things are not okay as they are."

One of the main reasons that Flanagan decided to run for the U.S. Senate is the lack of action by the current Congress to protect patients' rights, expand access to health care, and make prescription drugs more affordable.

He supports stronger reforms, including consumer protection for the 161 million Americans with private health insurance. Flanagan is adamant about providing universal access to quality health care for all Americans.

In the field of education, Flanagan is striving to provide a quality education for all Vermonters.

He supports federal initiatives to improve education by building new classrooms, computer labs, and connections to the Internet. Flanagan is particularly concerned with the price of a college education.



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"For too many Vermont families, the dream of a college education for their children is becoming only a dream," said Flanagan to the press on August 10.

"It's time to make college education affordable again, to encourage our best and brightest to pursue careers in the public service."

Flanagan supports doubling the maximum Pell Grant allocation to $6,000 in order to increase the grant award each student receives and to make more middle-class families eligible for the program.

He will lift the 60-month cap for individuals to deduct student loan interest, and will institute a College Opportunity Tax Cut that would allow families to save up to $2,800 by deducting $10,000 in college tuition from their taxes.

The environment is of importance to Flanagan.

"Vermonters value our environment," he said in a press statement on Aug. 23.

"We believe in clean air and clean water. We are disturbed by sprawl across our state at the same time that many of our downtown areas are suffering from neglect and vacant storefronts. We understand that our state's economy and our quality of life are linked to the health of our environment."

Flanagan's top environmental priority is to defend the Clean Air Act. He supports the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to require cleaner-burning gasoline to increase the fuel efficiency of light trucks and sport utility vehicles, and to reduce by 90 percent the release of pollution by diesel powered trucks and buses.

Flanagan hopes to grant full funding to the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which has contributed over $36 million to preserve open land in Vermont, including Mt. Mansfield State Park and Camel's Hump.

"Across the state we are losing open space, farmland and pasture land that give Vermont its character," said Flanagan.

"Growth is inevitable and necessary, but let's not let it run over our landscape and cost us millions of dollars of unnecessary roads, sewers, and other infrastructure."

Tax cuts also figure in to Flanagan's plans. He has criticized Jeffords' support for Republican proposals to provide tax breaks that benefit very wealthy individuals and large corporations and vows to focus on tax fairness for working and middle class Vermonters.

"I support tax credits like ex-

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Mountaineer promotes taking to the woods

By Jon White
Staff Writer

Now in its third year of operation, the Middlebury Mountaineer in downtown Middlebury continues to provide a source of reliable outdoor merchandise to the community.

Yet in an interview this week, Steven Atocha, who co-owns the store along with his wife Marion, said that his greater vision includes the promotion of outdoor activities both around Middlebury and throughout Vermont.

On Oct.. 1, Atocha will put the Mountaineer on the Web with a "user-friendly" site to serve as a directory of outdoor opportunities in Vermont.

Ranging from trail guides to ski reports, the site will encourage further exploration of the region's outdoor amenities.

The site will include a directory where visitors can conduct a county-by-county search of outdoor activities. Visitors register what sport they want to pursue and a county name to search.

The site will then list some of the better-known trails, rivers, lakes, or ski slopes in that county, along with travel directions and descriptions.

Also planned for the site is a listing of events and trips sponsored by the Middlebury Mountaineer, as well as information on sales at the store. The site will be available starting Oct. 1 at http://www.middleburymountaineer.com.

As part of the store's branching out, Atocha said that the Mountaineer organized paddle tours throughout the summer, giving participants a chance to explore Lake Dunmore.

Atocha hopes that over the next year he can further expand activities coordinated by the store through hiring additional guides and sponsoring more trips. He plans to organize a group of guides to lead snowshoe tours this winter.

The Mountaineer has enjoyed a strong relationship with the College in its three years of business.

The equipment we sell is what we use...Our customers are knowledgeable, we have high standards and we really know what we sell.

—Steve Atocha, co-owner of Middlebury Mountaineer

Atocha has employed a number of students in the store and said that he has been consistently pleased by their services. Students and members of the Middlebury Mountain Club also contributed to the directory of outdoor opportunities that will be posted on the Mountaineer's upcoming Web site.

Andrew Corrigan

Middlebury Mountaineer owner Steven Atocha has assisted the college with equipment loans for orientation trips.

Perhaps best symbolizing the bonds the Mountaineer has cultivated with the College is the discount the store offers the Mountain Club on equipment purchases.

Last winter the Mountaineer sponsored a film, guest lecturer, and a Marmot equipment giveaway one evening in Bicentennial Hall that attracted a large number of students.

Atocha plans to host another on-campus event this winter to promote outdoor recreation among students and members of the Middlebury community.

In October the Mountaineer will present "Further," a film by Teton Gravity Research, on campus.

While Atocha has his sights set on the expansion-sponsored programs and services, he remains committed to providing Middlebury with the finest outdoor merchandise. "The equipment we sell is what we use," he said.

"Our customers are knowledgeable, we have high standards and we really know what we sell."

Atocha pointed out that what makes Middlebury Mountaineer unique among area sports stores and outfitters is that everything the store sells is also available for rent.

Finally, as fall provides prime weather for enjoying the outdoors in Vermont, Atocha mentioned the hike up Mt. Abraham as his regional favorite.

He said that the fall colors are spectacular along the way up, and that since the mountain crests above treeline, the views on a clear day are worth the hike alone.

He noted that on a clear day outdoor enthusiasts will be rewarded with views stretching from the Adirondacks to the White

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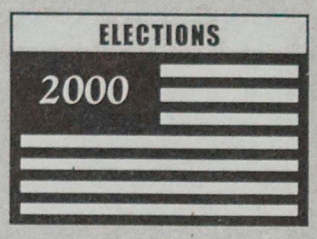

Outside influence not yet present in state campaigns

Observers in Vermont's upcoming general election expect out-of-state groups to pour their resources into state and local elections on the issue of Vermont's civil union laws. But with one exception, campaigning in Vermont remains localized. The in-state advocacy groups formed on both sides of the debate are aware of Vermont voters' dislike for outside interference. "My guess is that most of the action is going to be from in-state groups, said Craig Bentsen, vice president of Take It to the People, one of the leading organization opposed to the civil unions law. Bentsen purposely distanced himself from Reform Party candidate Patrick Buchanan, who was considering touring Vermont to campaign against civil unions. Bentsen did comment that his political action committee would accept contributions from anyone willing to donate money, in or out-of-state. Beth Robinson, spokeswoman for Vermonters for Civil Unions Inc., made the same comment. "We're not turning away support from wherever it comes," said Robinson. National groups made it public that they would not step in until invited by their in-state allies. "We will follow the lead of those in Vermont; we are listening to the sound counsel and advice of the folks who know best," said Winnie Stachelberg, political director for the Human Rights Campaign.

Dwyer's campaign chest expands with gift from the Republican National Committee

Ruth Dwyer, the Republican gubernatorial nominee, recently received a congratulatory letter and $50,000 from the Republican National Committee (RNC). Dwyer, the winner of the September 12 Republican gubernatorial primary, stated that she would use the money for her television advertising. "This is great, because it means we can do some media," said Dwyer. The contribution is an indicator of the RNC's interest in the gubernatorial election. In 1998, the RNC gave Dwyer just $25,000 in her unsuccessful bid to upset incumbent Howard Dean. Dwyer is scheduled to go to Washington next week to speak at the Republican Governors' Association, which she hopes will make a sizable donation as well. Kathy Summers, Dwyer's campaign manager, estimated that Dwyer has raised between $175,000 and $180,000 so far.

Nineteen-year old claims spot on state House ballot

Marget Brue, a 19 year old Burlington resident, campaigned for only 10 days, but has now won a spot on the November ballot. Brue is the lone Republican running for the state House of Representatives in Chittenden District 7-1, representing Burlington's South End. She won the Tuesday, September 19 primary with 116 votes. Some discrepancies arose after her uncontested victory, as 16 of the ballots misspelled her name as Margaret. Burlington's electoral officials now have to make the call, according to Secretary of State Deborah Markowitz. Even if those 16 votes do not count, Brue, a graduate from South Burlington High School, will appear on the ballot. All she had to do was win 25 votes. Her political experience includes working on Governor Howard Dean's 1992 campaign and Senator James Jeffords re-election campaign this year. "I've always been really passionate about politics," said Brue. Brue now faces Democrats Bill Keogh and Johannah Donovan in the November election with two open seats. If she wins, Brue will be among the youngest people elected to the state legislature.

Dean sets off on the campaign trail

Governor Howard Dean toured Vermont last week, beginning his most challenging re-election bid to date. Dean visited farmers in Franklin County, senior citizens in Barre and factory workers in Springfield on Sept. 14. Dean began the day at a dairy farm in Fairfield, doing his best to put the civil unions issue behind him. "I'm going to talk until I'm blue in the face and I'm never going to convince someone who doesn't like civil unions that it's a good idea," said Dean. "We've got to get beyond it." Dean instead discussed issues important to the farmers, stressing the importance of re-issuing the Northeast Dairy Compact. In Barre, Dean focused on the need for affordable prescription drugs and making adjustments to Act 60, Vermont's state education funding law. Dean also made stops in Clarendon, Arlington, and Brattleboro, reminding onlookers of his positive record in creating new jobs and securing federal money for local prisons and communications systems.

Compiled by Ashley Elpern, Local News Editor

Civil union bill divides public opinion

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Civil union announcements have not been arriving at news offices at anything near the rate that town clerks have been handing out licenses. Calvi suggests in a July 12 article in *The Herald* that the silence might reflect people's fear. "Very often when gay people come out, their families will say, 'That's fine with us but don't tell other people.' There may be families asking that there not be an announcement in the paper. I wouldn't be surprised with all the violent rhetoric against gay marriage that there would be an increased sense of security concern."

Despite negative feedback at home, Dean has been praised across the nation. At a party hosted by the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center before the Democratic Convention, Dean was surrounded by well-wishers. "What the politicians have done in Vermont is very exciting," partygoer Burt Levitch said in an article in *The Herald* on August 16. "Someone had to lead the way and it may as well have been them. They deserve a lot of respect and credit."

'It's a thrill to meet the governor of Vermont," said Sarah Bradshaw in *The Herald Article*. "For everybody in the entire country, this is one of the most exciting pieces of legislation to come down in long time. Vermont instantaneously cut through the glass."

Implications for the Elections

But as the election season began, civil unions exacerbated the tension between Vermont's leading legislators and its citizens. The "Take Back Vermont" campaign is supporting those who are furious about property taxes, the rising price of health care, and government control over public lands. Civil unions only added strength to the movement that wants to vote out the liberal legislators in November.

Those who are posting "Take Back Vermont" signs agree that the fight over civil unions has increased the tensions between the two kinds of Vermonters: an old type, usually a native, Republican and conservative; and a newer sort, usually from out of state, Democratic and liberal.

In the September primaries, voter registration increased dramatically, most likely in response to the civil union debate. Republican voters handily out-numbered Democratic voters in their respective primaries, and it remains to be seen if this increase in registered Republican voters will effect the makeup of the liberal leaning Vermont legislature in November's general election.

Dean faces formidable challenge in Senate race

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panding the child care tax credit, college tuition credits and credits for long term health care that are targeted towards the middle class," said Flanagan.

"If we are going to cut taxes, I want to make sure that it is average Vermonters who receive the benefits - not the wealthy and large corporations."

Flanagan entered the U.S. Senate race on May 1, promising to be a very different type of United States Senator.

"I will defy the insiders when necessary and I will report honestly to Vermonters about the problems with our government."

To contact Flanagan's campaign headquarters, call (802) 862-0769. E-mails may be sent to flanagan@together.net.

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Editorial

United we fall?

The Inter-House Council dealt itself a tough hand this week when it presented its new pledge guidelines to the Dean of Student Affairs. While the strict proposal was a logical outcome of the numerous pledge violations of the last few years, the idea that the entire social house system will be punished if one house violates the rules places the system in a precarious position and could jeopardize the current individuality of each house.

The IHC proposal demonstrates good intentions on behalf of the social house members. The stricter pledge guidelines are definitely a good idea and could possibly even eliminate the yearly violations of the pledge process. However, the decision to make all of the houses forever dependent upon each other throughout pledge is a dangerous step for the future of the house system.

Social houses have been struggling to maintain a voice throughout the integration of the Commons System. The future of the houses has been questionable in the face of the new social boundaries established by the commons. However, time and again, the student body has voted in strong favor of keeping the social houses on campus. While it is true that the pledge violations of the past few years have not boded well for the system as a whole, the fact remains that the houses are an integral part of community life on campus.

Interdependency has the potential to deconstruct the individual identities of each social house. By grouping all of the houses together, the system will be blamed for the transgressions of a single house. This is not to say that violations should go unpunished, but that a house should not be punished at the expense of the entire system. The more rigid pledge guidelines should be enough to hold the houses accountable for their actions without having to instill fear into the members that with each violation the social house system will be brought closer to extinction.

The question that now presents itself is how will the fundamentals of the social house system be preserved within the new commons environment when faced with the added pressures of stricter guidelines. Each house must somehow be able to retain its distinction or else the system as a whole could become dangerously close to being amalgamated into the Commons System. The social houses must fend off what seems to be their fated integration. Perhaps an established rewards program should be added to the proposal in order to honor those houses that follow the rules and therefore highlight the distinctions within the system.

Both sides, the administration and the social houses, need to understand the consequences of this proposal. If one member out of several hundred students makes a mistake that violates the pledge process, the administration has the ability to harshly punish the entire system and consequently, the houses that did not violate the rules will not receive their due praise. The administration should take into account the added pressures placed upon the house system and think carefully when placing blame in the event of future violations.

If the social houses escape this year unscathed, then the proposal should be reevaluated in order to return individuality to the system. Consider this year as a probation for past violations, but if all goes well, we must try to return to the original purpose of the social house system: the creation of residential communities that are self-regulated and that maintain distinct social identities within a group of selected students. The student body wants to see the social houses stay, but these new pressures make the reality of losing the system loom uncomfortably close on the horizon.

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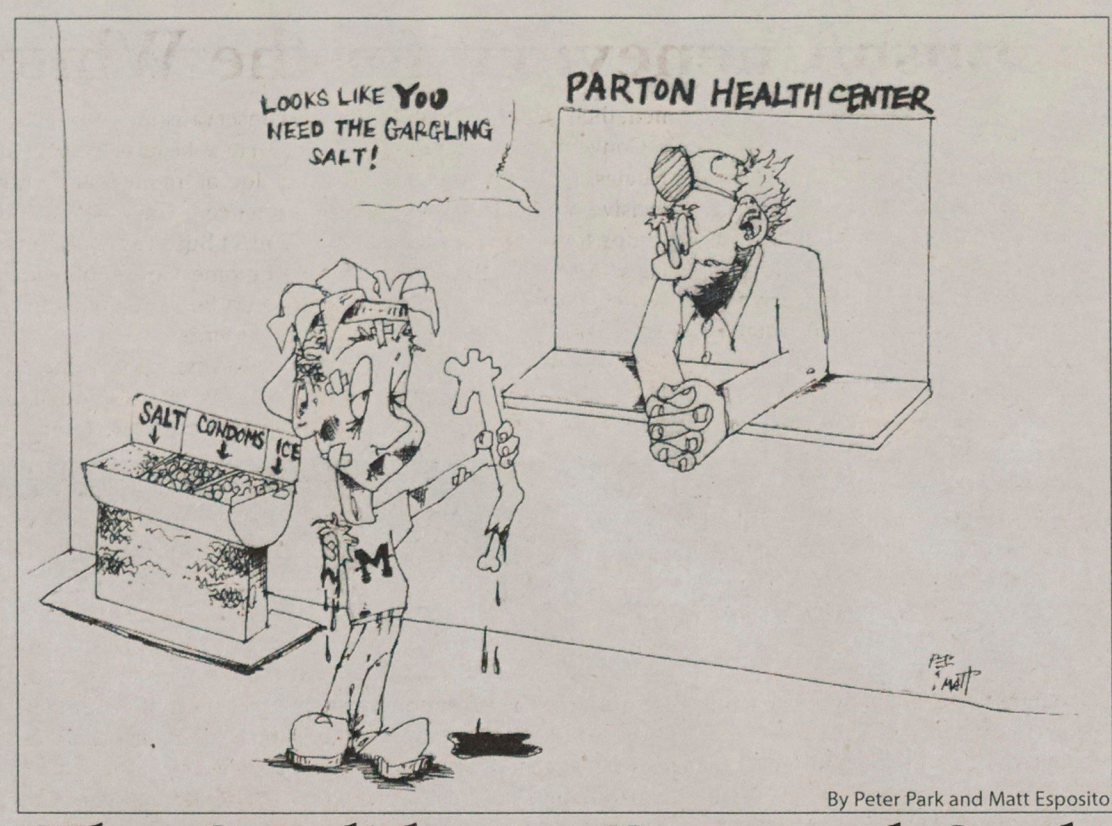

By Peter Park and Matt Esposito

The Candidates...Bore and Gush

By Craig Sweet
Staff Writer

In this political season there seems to be a phenomenon occurring — no one really cares. Actually this is no longer a phenomenon in the American political landscape, but rather the norm. America is filled with political apathy and that is not surprising.

One look at the presidential candidates and it is clear Bore and Gush, as some have affectionately named them, do not exactly pique public intrigue. Many seem to be saying, "Why vote, they both suck. Plus, I already have plans for November 7." I completely agree. These candidates offer nothing radically new to American politics in terms of ideas and excitement. Gore lectures in dull specifics and Bush as no clue about how to phrase a sentence or form policy.

Reporters on the campaign trail can be heard saying, "Wake me when something interesting happens." Unfortunately, there never is any excitement. The only highlights have been Gore's massive perspiration issues, the impromptu kiss that he planted on Tipper at the Convention, and Bush's off the cough remarks about a *New York Times* reporter. If it is excitement you seek, turn elsewhere.

Certainly, if they are ever scheduled, avoid the presidential debates unless you are masochists or have some sort of penance to pay. Excitement will not be in abundance there either. If network officials seriously want to spice up debate ratings the moderator should pit Gore and Bush against each other in a series of immunity challenges a la "Survivor". The loser would be forced to answer a question on who is the real Slim Shady and the winner would be guaranteed 10 electoral votes.

A more practical suggestion to combat apathy would be for Gore and Bush to take a lesson from my fair governor, the honorable Jesse "The Body" Ventura. Leaving my personal disgust for the man aside, he has been able to attract segments of the public which have long been disillusioned by politics. Amazingly his down to earth demeanor and general stupidity appeal to people. More than that, however, it is not his legendary status as an actor nor even his bald head that has energized indifferent voters, but rather his rhetoric.

Ventura has reintroduced the notion of the vernacular and stubbornness to politics. He speaks frankly and takes concrete stances on the issues, whether they are popular, acceptable or even sane (which are limits of his political abilities and positive attributes). The lesson being that voters are not seeking politicians who will pontificate, but rather ones who speak in a straightforward manner and stand by what they say, no matter the political fallout.It is not the lack of excitement which is driving away voters, but rather the lack of candidates who mean what they say and can communicate a clear message.

Politicians need not be flashy nor WWF stars; they are not in the business of entertainment. What is necessary is that they become willing to take stands and speak to the point knowing that they will not please everyone.

Yet, the probability of Gore and Bush making these reforms is as likely as a reunion tour for Milli Vanilli.

Thus, it appears that it will be more of the same this election, choosing the lesser of two evils. Who will it be on Nov. 7, the stiff V.P. or the babbling executioner from Texas? In truth, it does not matter to me; I am planning on watching the "Children of the Corn" Marathon on TNT that night.

At rural Midd, cars more than just privilege

By Kevin King
Staff Writer

"Having a car is such a big responsibility, and one of the best things about college is that you don't have all the 'adult' responsibilities."

How incredibly patronizing. When I read this remark by Environmental Coordinator Amy Seif in last week's *Campus*, I nearly doubled over laughing. Then I realized she was serious when she said it. There has been a great deal of controversy and argument lately about parking on campus, and when the time came (in last week's *Campus* news article) to convincingly explain the situation and move on, several people blew the chance.

I'm sure there are numerous good reasons for having a pedestrian campus here at Middlebury, and I am equally sure that there is some sensible logic behind the parking plan for the 2000-2001 school year. Yet I somehow missed any substantive explanation of either in the Sep. 14 parking article. Instead, I found numerous examples of the administrative complacency towards student interests that I wrote about in these pages last week. What good, after all, does discussing "the importance of better education about mass transit options available (which includes the Addison County Transit Resources free shuttle that travels around town, the Vermont Transit bus service, and the Amtrak trains) if none of those services provide anywhere near an adequate replacement for having a car on campus? In fact, none of these three "mass transit" options have regular or reliable service to ski areas, destinations outside of major metropolitan areas, parks

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Corrections

A quote in last week's editorial in *The Campus* was incorrectly attributed to the director of environmental affairs. It should have been attributed to the project manager for facilities planning. *The Campus regrets this error.*

Bush/Cheney: Fit for the White House or the outhouse?

By Ben LaBolt
Staff Writer

Middlebury students have returned from a summer of camp counseling, I-Bank interning, traveling and relaxation, and many were surprised to learn that they missed quite an intense summer of political jostling and candidate defining.

Even on this wholly apathetic campus, students are starting to discuss what could be the most significant, decisive and hotly contested presidential election in the last quarter century.

The presidential campaigns were officially kicked off earlier this month on Labor Day, but the end of the summer was really the point when Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George Bush stepped out of the shadows and revealed themselves as candidates for the presidency.

The Republican Convention in Philadelphia and Democratic Convention in Los Angeles. provided the candidates a chance not only to celebrate their V.P. choices, but also to stand as their own men, their own candidates.

Conventions, second only to debates, are known as the most decisive moment for swing voter groups to decide on their candidates. Although Bush had been leading the race by up to a 17-point margin, the post-L.A. Convention results have shown that Gore has had a solid lead since the Democratic Convention, up six points according to the latest poll by the Battleground 2000 group — the leading bi-partisan consulting firm out of D.C. Bush's pick of former Ford Chief of Staff Dick Cheney allowed Americans to view the kind of administration he would put in the White House. A fellow oilman, Cheney's reactionary voting record (voting against freeing Nelson Mandela, against funding Head Start, for abolishing the Department of Education) has all but crushed Bush's message of compassionate conservatism.

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He appeals to voters who have a lot of money, and little conscience. Cheney would also reflect Bush's appointments to the Supreme Court, of which there could be as many as five in this next term.

If Americans value freedoms such as Roe vs. Wade, and are against the Religious Right's imposition of school prayer in schools, then they must vote for Gore in the upcoming election.

A vote for George Bush could mean quadrupling the Clarence Thomas's or Antonin Scalia's on the Supreme Court, Bush's self-proclaimed favorite justices.

The Republican Convention was a sickening display of canned minority skits, many of whom do not even support the Republican ticket. Bush sang with African-American children at the train station and spoke in improper Spanish to Latinos. Minorities were posted on either side of the stage during any given speech, but were difficult to find in the audience.

Colin Powell's chastising of the party for not supporting affirmative action and his announcement that he would consider accepting a post in a Gore Administration came as an uncensored pleasure.

The most sickening moment was when Bush ended his acceptance speech by hugging physically and mentally disabled people who had encircled him on stage.

If this was to fool swing voters into thinking of the Republican Party as compassionate, I think the Texas delegation's prayers when openly gay Representative Jim Kolbe (R-AZ) spoke about national defense made them think twice.

Compassion is not just singing with Latino children —you actually have to follow up and fund their programs, protect them financially and provide them with an education.

Paul Begala has been leading the less serious attacks on Bush, with a very serious message — Bush is not just stupid, it is dangerous to have someone that unintelligent in the office of president.

Anyone who links Vice President Gore to the morale lapse of President Clinton should be ashamed.

He may have gone to Yale and been accepted to Harvard, but George W. was not accepted to his state school, the University of Texas. You cannot buy your way into a school with set standards.

At Yale, Bush maintained a solid 72 percent political science average — his major subject. As Rue McClanahan said during the Democratic Convention, "I think we should elect a man who at least had a B average. I mean, come on!" Bush inherited the 943rd biggest oil corporation in Texas after college and ran it into the ground. The corporation filed for bankruptcy soon after it changed hands. As president of the Texas Rangers, he personally made the decision to trade the "disgraceful" Sammy Sosa. Let's hope he doesn't do the same with Alan Greenspan.

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I'll be supporting the most solid ticket come Nov. 7th, that of Gore/Lieberman. Not only will it achieve the most for all Americans, it will also restore dignity to the presidency. Anyone who links Vice President Gore to the morale lapse of President Clinton should be ashamed.

Beyond that, these past eight years have been full of peace and prosperity, the most economically prosperous times this nation has ever seen, with low unemployment rates and more police on our streets than ever before.

Vice President Gore will continue to see that we have health care for all children, that a targeted tax cut allows all Americans to share in the surplus, not just the top 2 percent, that families can

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Diversify from inside out

By Nathan Brugerman
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After concluding last year's SGA session, my feelings towards student government on campus as both a senator and student were grim. However, as the summer began to wind down and my thoughts turned once again to Middlebury, I needed to decide whether or not to run for student senate once again. Despite the disaster that befell the SGA during its last few meetings, the year, in all truth, saw the Senate pass a fair number of bills that truly were beneficial to students.

Coupled with my initial impressions of the newly elected president and vice president, I came back to campus with high aspirations as to the body's possibilities and representation. Although the SGA year has not begun in full, I already find myself doubting the impact that this body will have, based, whether fairly or not, upon the composition of the presidential cabinet.

No Middlebury student is immune to the constant barrage of reminders that promoting diversity on campus is a foremost objective of the administration along with engendering similar feelings among the student population. Unfortunately, the Cabinet is far from a reflection of the College's goals and the make-up of the student body in general. One of the greatest challenges facing the SGA this year is validating themselves as the voice and representative of the student body. I find it very hard to believe that the president and vice-president will at all be successful given the range — in my opinion, limited — of the Cabinet. Whether speaking on percentages, background or make-up, the Cabinet could not be a more homogenous body, with the exception of sophomore Katherine Milgram. The year has hardly become, and I realize that I am basing my opinion merely on a first impression, but as we have all heard, first impressions are the most important. It will take a phenomenal amount of will, spin, patience and success to change our impressions of this years' governing board.

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Even now, in an attempt to point out what I see as a tremendous flaw, I find myself bound by the tacit rules of political correctness in describing the presidential cabinet, but here goes. The cabinet is WASPy — white, male and upperclassman — with the exception of Milgram. To coin a passé description, it appears to be a good old boys club. One of my former constituents — I have not been re-elected, but have decided to seek it — asked about the Cabinet and why international students were not present on it. How does one answer that? I told him, as hard as it is for me to admit, that I did not know why. Perhaps it is time for us to look at diversity as more than race, religion, sex, ethnicit, and all of the other descriptions we use, and begin to look at diversity in a universal perspective of individual backgrounds, but not solely defined by them. In theory that is very simple, yet we do not live in a world of theory. Diversity as a state of mind has to be built from the ground level up, not from the top down. Symposiums, workshops, speeches and meetings will help to build that foundation, but alone they cannot change the attitudes of the students. The student body alone has that power to alter and change the prevailing situation.

Unfortunately, I am very skeptical of the Cabinet's ability to begin the process of change because they represent the perception of Middlebury that is the target of change. I, too, fit the profile of the stereotype we wish to

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Robert rebukes Replogle's remarks

By Zach Robert
Staff Writer

For those of you who did not notice (shame on you for having an interesting life, but alas, some of us must stand for something), our own Thomas Replogle, republican-at-large, scratched a little piece for *The Campus* last week in which he intended to gently deride America's unions and their democrats.

Perhaps it was his *savoir vivre* (to borrow from Thomas' beloved French), or maybe it was a simple collegiate insouciance, or it could just have been that his xenophobia thought faster than the rest of him, but instead of a neat little Republican piece (who doesn't like a Republican?), he hatched a jingoistic article explicitly condemning the French government, and implicitly the French people.

This all sounds a little serious at the moment. But before I quote, I would just like to say in Thomas' defense that he probably did not intend his anti-French tangent to be so central to his article and so reprehensible. All the worse I say, our unintentional faults are uglier and more persistent precisely because, not recognizing the error of them, we believe them to be justified. But perhaps our other readers, Thomas, did not notice, or perhaps it did not bother them.

But here is an egregious quote, a good place to start: "I blame the French for letting it happen, and I would always laugh at the French during this type of news story because I know we would never allow such a thing in America."

To further elucidate: at this point in the article, Thomas, having guaranteed his readers a reason for his position in AMERICAN politics, is alluding to FRENCH affairs to fill out his argument. Does anybody else have a problem with this?

But to continue: you cannot judge an American institution on the basis of an at best similar institution in France, and, to add to the list, you cannot judge the French on the basis of American ideology. France, as far as I am aware, and I will double check on this to be sure, has not had the same history as the United States. Moreover, and this may be a shocker, Thomas, France has a different type of government, and it experiences phenomenon in a different way than America.

Ergo, my good friend, a person like yourself, who seems not to appreciate or to understand the French situation, and who likes to judge other countries and people on how well they emulate the United States, should just stop sharing his or her opinions until he or she does a little more research.

We would hate for you to make a fool of yourself. To borrow loosely from a German, there is nothing more ridiculous than ignorance in action. And whether others agree or not, I will call it prejudice and/or xenophobia when a person insults a culture that he or she does not understand.

Had you informed yourself of the situation, Thomas, you would have found that the French only started rioting a little earlier than other countries. By the time you wrote your article, other countries had started throwing up the barricades as well.

So far as I know, the list has come to include Britain, the Netherlands, Ireland, Spain and Poland. And did you realize that European taxes on gasoline reach as high as 76.2 percent, compared with the 22.8 percent gasoline tax in America? When you find yourself paying over $80 to fill you tank, or when, as in Europe over the past weeks, gas stations have no fuel, or when public transportation comes to a stop, including buses, trains and airplanes, you tend to ruffle a hairpiece or two. It makes sense to

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Mother and daughter share life's dreams

By Bryn Kenny
Staff Writer

The photograph is black and white, matted and glossed, protected like a precious antique beneath the glass of its frame. My parents stand in the foreground, their arms linked. There is a hint of success frozen in their smiles, a subtle glimmer caught by the click of the shutter.

The year scrawled across the bottom right corner of the matting is 1975. My parents have been married for one year, during which they have discovered the Brooklyn Heights apartment they stand in front of. Just promoted to college competitions editor at *Mademoiselle* magazine, my mother's eyes glimmer like a child who has won the lead in her school play.

I like to call it the "glamorous photograph." It was published in *Mademoiselle* that summer, accompanying an article on young, upwardly mobile couples in New York. It is a testament to their mutual happiness, their economic potential, their Ken and Barbie power of good looks. When I pull it out from behind a pile of *House and Gardens* in my mother's study, she just glances at it and cocks her head skeptically. "That was a long time ago," she says.

I have just begun my final year of college, and I imagine I harbor a similar glimmer, my dreams and expectations on the brink of release. I think of this time like a pause for breath before I catapult myself into the possibilities of the unknown, the ever-present "real world." There are so many things I want, so many things I think about right now, and suddenly I find myself spouting off phrases like "job interview," "salary" and "resume" all in one sentence.

I speak to her often about the future, frequently in my matter-of-fact, confident daughter tone, the way I speak when I am on the brink of anger, or when I am intimidated. I am searching for a bit of reassurance in her side-glances, her, of course, "sweethearts," her searching stares. And I can tell she is feigning interest sometimes, when I find myself explaining just how and why I will be the one to balance prosperity, family and passion all on one finger.

My mother looks at me and says, "There are only two sides to a balance, pussycat. You're going to have to make a choice somewhere along the way."

Twenty-five years later, she has passed over Brooklyn Heights and photo shoots for a non-profit organization on Eastern Long Island, two children and a potently stinky dog. I liken her to Flaubert's Emma Bovary, trapped within a suburban convention, yearning to return to her "perfect moment," when she had the Brooklyn Bridge at her feet, and there was so much more left; Viscounts to dance with, a Rudolphe beckoning across every subway platform.

She laughs when I say this, and teases me that I cannot expect life to be like a novel: introduction, climax, denouement. I tell her that part of being young is expecting the world, allowing a bit of Jane Austen to infiltrate the mind, playing a game of tag with reason. Her eyes betray a rare understanding at this moment, and I feel that, for the first time, my mother and I have hit our own balance.

"I realize now how hard it is to have everything," she says, her coral nails flicking a crumb off the table. "My life has turned out just fine, and has been a very rich experience." She can't help being a bit condescending, looking down at my discontent, smoothing my hair over.

There is a saying that explains, when a child is young she believes that her mother is the most wise, powerful person in the world. As a teenager, this blind trust and admiration makes way for a cynical, uncertain disgust.

Now officially a 20-something, I have begun to surrender myself to my mother's knowledge, her life experience, even her opinions, though I now have my own. We have come to work as a team — cheerleader and player. I allow her to take on the role of coach every now and then.

The truth is that my mother has a point: life is not infinite. Dreams can be realized, but they do not come without a price. She admits to me now that there are some things she may have done differently, if the chance came to do it all over again.

"I would have purchased an apartment in Brooklyn Heights!" she says, glancing at the picture as if it were taken yesterday. "But really, the word regret should be dumped from the English dictionary. If you want something done differently, just do it and don't waste time on anything like regret."

The future is not the easiest concept to grasp, and though I have begun to forge a path towards what I want, I must admit I don't really know what that is. At 21, I imagine there are a few more choices to be made, regrets to be stifled, benefits and consequences to reap.

As Madame Bovary, with her heart torn open to the world, her expectations darting above the clouds and exploding like fireworks, I will allow myself to dream. I will not silence a persistent beating, or close my eyes when the lights go on. There is something about curling your toes over the edge and looking down that demands a desire to adjust to the light, to swallow disappointment and forge forward with each speck of experience tucked neatly into your Wonderbra.

And if I am abandoned at a fork, left with only an appetite for balance and a determination to achieve it, I will have my mother to thank for preparing me.

Cars a necessity so far from the interstate

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and hiking areas like Lake Dunmore, or even "just outside of Boston" where most Midd students hail from. I've been at Middlebury for two years now, and I'm not even sure that I've seen ACTR (the local shuttle service) in operation once. While I admire Seif's environmental vision, the unavoidable truth is that Vermont's feeble "mass transit" options simply do not fit any student needs.

Mass transit aside, the issue of whether or not first-years are allowed to have cars on campus remains unsettled. Seif stated in last week's article that "restricting cars for first-years is a 'great option."

I respectfully disagree. With a geographical distribution as widespread as that of the Middlebury student body, drawing from nearly all 50 states every year, cars are a necessity for those traveling to and from areas outside of New England. How else will students from those areas get to Middlebury...via Amtrak or Vermont Transit? I don't think so.

Restricting first-years from having cars would cause additional trouble at break and vacation times, as the inadequacy of local and regional "mass transit" would lead directly to more parent outrage and student disgust. Then there is the matter of winter at Middlebury, which brings with it students' love of skiing and at times cold weather unsafe for extended pedestrian travel.

Middlebury is not located in urban Boston where space is limited and travel options are abundant. In my opinion, as long as space is available on the periphery of campus, first-years are entitled to the right to park there. What first-years are not entitled to, in my mind, is proximate parking.

To me, proximate parking is a privilege that Middlebury students have enjoyed for many years, and may not be able to have in the future — a small price to pay for the gain of the Ross expansion.

Having a car on campus is not so much a "responsibility" as Seif puts it, nor should it be considered a "privilege" as Director of Public Safety Lisa Boudah puts it. With other travel options so thin in Vermont, having a car on campus is a right.

I take such a direct tone here because I am gravely concerned about the trend of college officials disregarding student interests in major community decisions. Students and their families do pay a great deal of money in exchange for a college experience that suits their needs and desires, and I think in situations like these that fact is easily overlooked when an administratively convenient solution like restricting first-years from having cars is within reach.

At the very least, if students are eventually restricted from having cars on campus, don't try to tell us that we didn't want "the responsibility" of having them in the first place.

A Little Taste of Reality

By Lisa Engelstein & Ruth Howell
Staff Writers

Chew on This:

This article, *"Alcohol and love style play role in student 'hook-ups,"* written by Keith Mulvihill, appeared in *Yahoo News* on September 12, 2000.

College students imbued with the thrill of sexual conquest — and alcohol — are most likely to have "hook-ups," or casual sexual encounters with strangers or brief acquaintances, according to a report in *The Journal of Sex Research.*

"When people think of casual sex, they usually think of sexual intercourse with an acquaintance or a stranger and often the experience is thought to be devoid of emotion," said Dr. Elizabeth L. Paul of the College of New Jersey in Ewing. "However, our research shows that these experiences can often be highly varied as well as emotionally complicated."

"Our goal was to better understand the experience of casual sex from the perspective of today's college students. We also wanted to get the concept of the 'hook-up' out there in the scientific community," lead author Paul told *Reuters Health.*

"We have found that the hook-up can involve a variety of sexual experiences — those with or without intercourse," Paul said. "The best behavioral and personality predictor for students who had the most hook-ups that included sexual intercourse were those that displayed a game-playing approach to romantic relating or a thrill-seeking personality."

And, Paul added, "Alcohol often played a large component in whether or not students hook-up, and if so, what type of sexual activities they engaged in."

The investigators found three groups of students: one that did not engage in hook-ups, with the other two groups being those that hooked up with sexual intercourse and those that hooked up but did not engage in intercourse. Paul's team reports that, overall, 78 percent of students experienced hook-ups, with more men (47.5 percent) reporting sex during hook-ups than women (33.3%). About 80 percent of students who had sex during a hook-up reported using a condom.

The team also found that 28 percent of students who had a hook-up without sex never saw their hook-up partner again, a number that rose to 49 percent among those who did have sex. Whether or not the encounter included sex, only 12 percent of hook-ups led to a romantic relationship, the team reports. on average, these relationships lasted about four months.

Students who had drunk to the point of intoxication and those who had a "game-playing" approach to love were most likely to participate in sex during hook-ups. "Actual or perceived symptoms of intoxication play a large role in risky sexual activities," the team notes. Their study showed that 14 percent of students who reported having sex during a hook-up and 6 percent of those who had not had sex "said they relied on friends' stories the next day to piece together what had happened during the hook-up."

Our Digestion:

You may be surprised that scientists are seriously studying random hook-ups. Although the information in this article may be describing your "normal" sex life, to those outside of college culture, this way of life is shocking. Given that pyschologists are analyzing the phenomenon of random hook-ups, it is a dominant aspect of college life.

Wait a minute — what about serious romantic relationships? Well, we definitely have those at Middlebury, but there seems to be a dichotomy between serious relationships and hook-ups. Where's the dating scene? So many students lament the lack of a dating scene, yet no one takes initiative. Perhaps it's easier to avoid the responsibility of a real relationship. Moreover, as the article points out, hook-ups are about the chase and instant gratification. In contrast, relationships demand responsibility but provide long-term satisfaction.

Is this recent trend a step forward or a step backward? On one hand, people have accepted their sexual desires and urges and feel confident enough to act on them. On the flip side, are people becoming so hedonistic that they are ignoring the deeper spiritual connection and instead opting for a quick fix?

So, at the next McCullough when you are grinding with that hottie, consider your options: give in to one night of pleasure, or be daring and break out of the mold.

Unity crucial to IHC's uphill battle

By Jan Greenfield
Staff Writer

With the start of classes, the return of old friends, and the need to get schedules organized, it almost seems as if those nine-to-five Inter-House Council meetings starting two weeks before school began never really happened.

August 30. That is when the IHC reconvened to begin the immense task laid out for us. Our purpose was to redesign the informational and educational processes our houses use to matriculate membership.

In other words, due to some events the previous year and overall concerns that had existed for a while (from both those in support of the houses and those opposed to them) rush and pledge needed to be changed.

At stake seemed to be the existence of the house system. Energy throughout the meetings was of the positive vibe, and not even electrocution and hospital visits would throw us from the task. The IHC realized unity is the key to the uphill battle.

> On paper we seemed to meet our goal. The new plans are approved. It is now up to our membership and leadership to live up to our new standards.

As members of houses, no matter how unique each house is, we are still governed and part of the same system. In order to reinforce this key issue all members of all houses will be required to attend a meeting on what it means to be an active member.

Perhaps one of the most drastic changes to the pledge plan (which once again stresses the point of a unified IHC) is the suspension of all the houses pledge events for one week if any one house messes up with its own pledge.

This is asking each member to put a lot of trust in members of other houses and faith in the system we have designed. We are not playing around with the longevity of our houses anymore. It is not fun to have the feeling that something you believe in is constantly being threatened. On paper we seemed to have met our goal.

The new plans are approved. It is now up to our membership and leadership to live up to our new standards. Standards these new pledges will take in to the process from the very beginning.

Depression demands sensitivity

By Heidi Crockett
Staff Writer

Tonight, I just spoke with a friend who has been suffering from severe depression for close to a year now. After hanging up the phone, my first reaction is one of amazement that she is able to get so much love and support from simple phone interaction with me. Now, I've begun to ponder her reaction at a deeper level. What is it about they way I approach her that is so much more satisfying and fulfilling in terms of her own needs right now, than the other people surrounding her in her day-to-day life?

After hearing stories from my friend about what people have said in general about her depression, and even to her face, I'm again reminded of the stigma that people continue to have towards people with mental illness. Looking towards the issue of depression, in particular, I find people oftentimes blame the person who is depressed for some "lack" of "ability to cope." This is an attitude that places the depressed person in a category of being "weaker" or "less than" the person speaking. I don't think I need to go into why taking the above stance, even if taken somewhat "unconsciously," is detrimental, (and I would argue, rude,) to the person who is suffering.

> ...a person in the midst of a depression is somewhere along the process of re-creating a way of interacting with others that will allow them to be well...

I'd like to explain why I think "weak" is an inappropriate word to use in relation to a depressed person. If someone is experiencing deep depression, the mental and emotional systems that normally keep our minds, bodies and hearts functioning comfortably in our day-to-day lives, have "failed" for them. Whether for chemical reasons, or from extreme hig stress for prolonged periods of time, or who knows why, that person is finding it difficult simply to interact with the world around them. They are finding it difficult not because they are "weak," but because the system of coping they once used no longer allows him or her to function without bouts of intense sadness. Therefore, I will add, a person in the midst of a depression is somewhere along the process of re-creating a way of interacting with others that will allow him or her to be well; however, the majority of us feel regular ups and downs in our own lives.

The world is a burdensome and complicated place no matter who we are or what we have experienced. To all of you all who manage to be relatively happy, congratulate yourself! I'm being serious — life is never easy for any of us. In fact, I'll even add, congratulate yourself no matter what system you are currently using to interact and cope with the world around you! Congratulate yourself, and be sure to give people who are having a difficult time, bunches and bunches of compassion and love.

European crisis requires international perspective

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demand lower taxes. Perhaps blockading the city seems extreme to us, but remember the extremity of their situation, and remember that you are judging as a citizen of a country that does not have nearly as strong a tradition of riots and blockades, which are closely linked for some Europeans to voicing the people's opinions in times of crises. History, my dear Thomas, is a fine thing when trying to understand a foreign culture.

It is not that you cannot laugh at other people Thomas, because hey, life is fun. Laughing at others is one of the great democratic rights that we are exporting right now to other countries (for better or for worse). But you have to expect that other people will laugh at you as well. Take me for example: what kind of holier-than-thou moron would have the audacity to write such an article? Well, Thomas, you put up a stiff fight. Maybe we are both morons (is that PC?). Maybe we all know a little less than we think we know. Maybe we should all think of ourselves as morons and take ourselves a little less seriously. After all, how do we know we are right? Who says diversity and liberalism are written in the stars? But for my part, until someone is gracious enough to teach me better, I am going to play the moron in favor of things like diversity and liberalism for all people, be they so willing to accept my support...

National election given left-wing analysis

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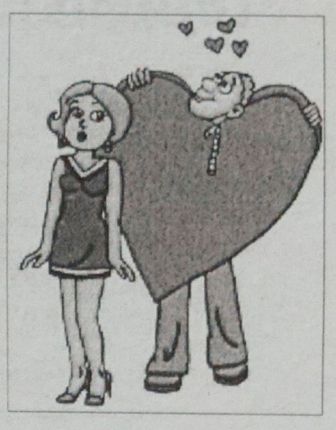
move from welfare to work, that we take the interest groups out and put the people back into politics, that this nation is responsible not only to defend itself, but can find diplomatic solutions to international crises, that we find and enforce common sense solutions to gun problems and that we keep dangerous corporate heads out of office and away from the controls of this nation.

He will also appoint numerous Supreme Court justices who will protect a woman's right to choose, protect civil rights and separate church and state.

Supporting Gore/Lieberman is the only conscientious choice we can make.

All I need is love...or a good hook-up



By Raam Wong
Staff Writer

Last Friday, as I shimmied my way into the McCullough First Chance Dance, my pelvis thrusting rhythmically to the music of "The Rhythm's Going to Get You," I felt myself suddenly caught up by the pounding music and the many possibilities of the evening. "Who wants to hook-up?" I heard some drunk idiot yelling. Suddenly I realized it's me doing the yelling. Remembering that this was "my first chance," I instantly got my groove on, which for me involves flailing my limp arms around and coolly keeping my eyes focused on the ceiling, because that's what us cool guys do; yes, it was clear to all those around me that either I had an impeccable sense of rhythm, or I was having a grand-mal seizure and someone should've been keeping me from choking on my own tongue. However, none of the hotties seemed to be dancing with me. I thought that was strange since I seemed to stand-out from the crowd in my New Balance running shoes, cargo pants and navy blue dress shirt. (Note to self: next time try capri pants.) So then I headed immediately for the center of the dance floor, where because of the sheer density of people, I found myself grinding with no less than five girls, all of whom had no idea that they were grinding with me.

And so another year of McCullough sketchiness had begun. I generally like to think that I am above these juvenile grind sessions, but in truth, like every other red-blooded American, I'm in the market for an occasional hook-up. I mean, a McCullough without hook-ups is like Johnny Carson without Ed McMahon, Pat Sajak without Vanna White, Ted Kennedy without Jack Daniels. I guess one of the reasons I'm pretty cynical when it comes to these dance parties is that my record for hooking up at them isn't too hot. Out of the seven or eight McCullough dance parties I've been to, I'd say I've hooked up approximately zero times. And frankly, I don't think this is fair. Aren't we all entitled to a little dance party hooking-up every now and then? Now call me a socialist, but I believe the allocation of a scarce good, mainly McCullough booty, ought to be based first and foremost on need. Therefore, with this in mind, I have sent representative Bernie Sanders an extensive, double-spaced, one and half-paged (including cover page) proposal outlining my plan for equality of opportunity. Truth be told, not all of us can have the dance moves of N'Sync and the firm pecs of David Hasselhoff. My plan would therefore aid those of us who were born without the rhythm/good looks/firm pecs gene. (Strangely enough, I have yet to hear back from Mr. Sanders)

Getting back to the dance, I noticed several couples disappearing behind the closed curtain onstage. Just once I would like to jump up onstage and draw the curtain open, exposing people in some compromising position for the whole place to see. I would yell in my best Wizard of Oz impression, "Pay no attention to the macking behind the curtain!" (Ah, the profound things that go through my head. . .) I suppose there is nothing inherently wrong with these McCullough hook-ups; you combine alcohol, strobe lights and tight black pants, and what do you expect to happen?

And so I left McCullough, and instead of doing the infamous "Walk of Shame," I did the "Walk of Sexual Frustration because Everyone Hooked Up Except me" (also known by the acronym, WOSFBEHUEM). I retreated to my friend's room for pizza sticks and more beer, a small consolation prize for the man who didn't get any. And so, before I knew it, my Friday night was over, and my "first chance" had passed. Sadly, I would have to wait until the next night's McCullough for a second chance.

SGA cabinet should represent entire spectrum

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change, and from my vantage point, I doubt their ability to inspire the beginnings of the change we hear about repeatedly. The year is still young and the Cabinet has not had ample time to really outline the agenda it will pursue through the course of the year. As the administration forges ahead with the pursuit of their ideal Middlebury, my hope is that the SGA will show their commitment to achieving diversity, whatever that may be, through their actions, since the perception to date is lacking.

Trefoil voices ancient French harmony to older crowd

By Elizabeth Logue
Arts Editor

Of course, I was running late on Friday night, relieved that the weekend was finally here to rid me of all my academic woes. And I had just one last obligation to fill before I could relish the weekend festivities.

As I panted my way up the Mead Chapel hill, I was struck by the heavenly sounds of singing echoing through the campus, creating the perfect background music for a quiet, starry night.

The music alone sounds harmonious and peaceful, almost divine, with the musicians quietly tapping feet and swaying torsos.

Although that from the outside of Mead Chapel, the music sounded like the harmonious collection of some ten perfectly tuned choir members, there were only three musicians, swaying to the rhythm of their own voices in a program entitled "The Melodious Harp: Songs of Medieval France."

Trefoil, a newly formed trio of singers/instrumentalists, debuted in Philadelphia and New York earlier this year with a program of 14th-century French *ars subtilior* songs, which is essentially a series of musical experiments and extensions of musical theory and notations of the time. It found its climax in the late 14th-century manuscript known as "Chantilly", which was performed in Friday night's program

Because of the experimental nature of ars subtilior, there is a high degree of rhythmic syncopation and exotic harmonies.

"There are two ways to listen to this music," countertenor and lutist, Mark Rimple, explains to the audience. "You can sit back, listen and enjoy, or you can pay close attention to the harmonies and rhythmic 'games' by looking closely at the words."

Rimple's statement to the audience was an important one given that the 'two ways to listen' are so markedly different. The music alone sounds harmonious and peaceful, almost divine, with the musicians' quietly tapping feet and swaying torsos. The actual text, translated from French, has an entirely different feel to it. The first selection, "*Sus un fontaine*," a piece originally by Johannes Ciconia, captured my attention by creating the perfect background music to a quiet, starry night outside of Mead. "For pity regarding the pain/Which sharply pierces my heart..." which is an English translation of the French lyrics are unsuspectingly sad.

Alex Westra

Musicans perform a selection of 14th century medieval French music, to the delight of many, in Mead Chapel last Friday.

The program expands further on the concept of *ars subtilior:* "while the poets of *ars subtilior ballades* and *roundeaux* still invoke the service of courtly love, many of the texts are laudatory expressions of homage, with frequent references to the heroes and heroics of ancient myth."

"If Guinevere, Tristan, Isolde, Helen,/ Paris, Jason, Lancelot, and Medea/ Ever suffered great pain for love,/ I suffer a thousand times more each day," the lyrics of one selection melds the two concepts of love and ancient myth together. It is such a complicated concept and song, yet the musicians make everything look effortless, each standing on their own musically while melding together their personal rhythms with the rest of the trio.

Unlike the typical approach to this repertoire, which would consist of the voices being arranged in score format (music notated with barlines and ties in modern metric groupings,) Trefoil takes another approach. "We have tried to simulate the performing experience by recreating as many elements of the *subtilior* as possible. The result of this methodology has been an increased rhythmic flexibility and spatial independence of each voice."

The vocal and instrumental harmony was remarkable, and I felt as an audience member, either one of those musical entities could cease to exist, and I would still find the sounds to be breathtaking. The heavenly stringing of the harps and the plucking sounds of the lute added to the vocals, making the music sound more cultural, rather than a religious sounding Catholic Church choir.

With regards to the audience that filled less than half of Mead's first floor and balcony, there was a definite appreciation to the sounds. From the balcony, I noticed one woman rocking her child in her arms in accordance with the syllables of the French lyrics. Enveloped in the performance, the woman and child seemed unaware of their own environment, and had been captured by the musicians.

Other than the few I saw, there was a notable absence of Middlebury students at the performance. Maybe it was the lack of a catchy title to the performance; perhaps "Melodious Harp" is not interesting enough to capture the attention of a student body that is always ready and willing to dance until 3 a.m. at McCullough. Or maybe there was something better going on around campus.

Even for me, someone with a vested interest in the arts, I found myself yawning at the prospect of seeing this performance, calling it an obligation. I can't possibly literalize the music heard in Mead Chapel, its peace, its complexity, and its overall perfection. But unfortunately, since most of the student body missed Trefoil, you'll just have to take my word for it.

Chat with Pete Day: bass, Patagonia and Homaley

By Jeff Price
Arts Editor

The first in a series of Middlebury artists to agree to a profile in The Campus, Pete Day '01, guitarist, trumputer and avante-garde percussionist holds a half-consumed frappucino in one hand, an eager grin well worn across his weathered kid's face. Eight o'clock at the Grille on Sunday night finds us seated aside The Juice Bar. I slide a pocket recorder onto the table and nod.

On.

We're on the record?

We're on the record. Don't say anything stupid.

Oh God. (pause.) Like about my communist tendancies?

I was going to bring that up actually, man. In Patagonia Girl, you do mention-

Communism? I never mention communism.

Never communism. But it's sort of a fleecy song with left wing leanings. You go on that little rant and, uh-

It's pretty far reaching left.

It is. And it's really cool how you do it too. So.

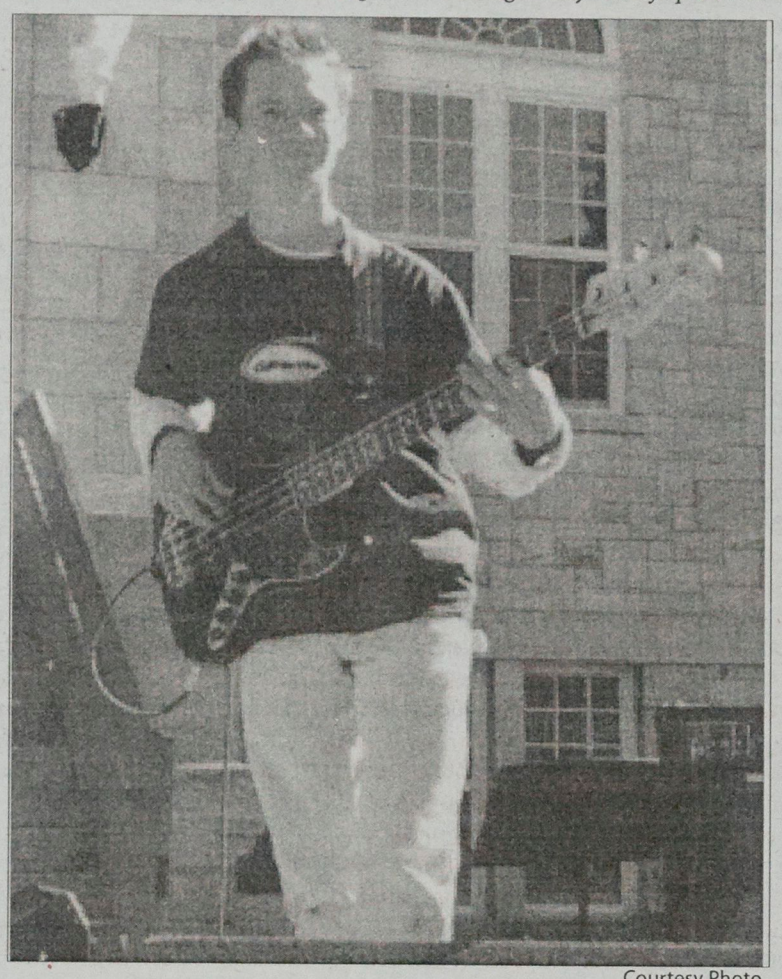
Now, the song hasn't been played in a long time. It's gone through different stages in its lifespan. I think you might have been around for some of those really early ones with me and Joel, and that's when the song was born and, you know, going through all its different lifecycles just keeps it energetic.

Will we be hearing any of "Patagonia Girl" this year?

Now, Jeff, I don't want to make any promises I can't keep.

I'm sorry, man. I don't want to put you on the spot here.

Reasonably speaking, I would say yes, we can expect to hear more Patagonia Girl, because if I'm going to be playing at the Greeyae [French pronunciation], god willing, we'll find out on Monday night–(looking over his shoulder.) We got Simpsons Bleedy Gums died- that's crazy, sorry, sorry ... and if I do and I start playing like one, two hour shows-



Courtesy Photo

Pete busts out on a bass in front of McCullough, laying down some goodness.

You'll be reaching back.

I'll definitely be, yeah, I'll definitely have to reach deep into the trick bag and this one tends to get a good crowd reaction, you know, people get sort of excited about it. And every now and then, I'll just totally beef it, you know, because it is all improv and so there's potential for disaster, I could crash and burn but like for the most part it comes out well.

Looking at my set of questions here.

You gonna buy me another drink?

You know I would, baby, but uh, my wallet's pretty tight, you know? If only The Campus would cover this sort of thing.

Well, I think you could have more interviews with many, many artists and performers.

I could, I could. And they would be much more interested.

Frankly, I would be much more interested if you were buying this drink for me right now.

Exactly. Therefore it only seems logical that The Campus—ok. So, at the age of eight your parents dropped you off outside of a Wal-Mart. You grew up an urchin child, raised by gypsies-

Well, sure gypsies, sort of Wal-Mart clerks. Wandering through the aisles, living in the tents in the sporting goods section.

How did that feel exactly? When your parents left you there at the age of eight? (silence, stifled laughter.) Ok, no. You don't have to answer that.

You're making me nervous.

I'm making myself nervous. (laughter.) You're a versatile musician. You play multiple instruments.

I do, I do. I play.

Such as?

I started off and my first instrument was the trumpet. You know, there's that moment when you're like in fourth grade and they give you your choice of the instruments. And there's this guy, Walter Chestnut, that came in and did a demo on the trumpet and he was great, he was this huge guy-

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Andrew Corrigan

François Clemmons, an artist-in-residence at Middlebury College, leads students in song during Campus Discovery

Sing-along spiritual inspires awe for François

By Stephanie Savell
Staff Writer

If there's anyone who can do justice to a Negro spiritual, it's François Clemmons. Arching his back so that his red suspenders stretch across his stomach, he tilts his head towards the ceiling and lets his sonorous voice roll out over the audience, singing with the weight of a rich and troubled history.

During the interludes between songs, Clemmons stresses that although Negro spirituals dwell on the suffering undergone on the plantation, many are also triumphant, speaking of the joys and hopes of everyday life.

Negro spirituals are characterized by repetition, transforming lyrics into powerful messages through constant reinforcement.

Clemmons explains that many black musicians come from the church tradition because children are encouraged from a young age to sing and improvise.

Clemmons performance in the Concert Hall on Sunday was a part of the festivities included in Campus Discovery Day.

The atmosphere is informal and relaxed, paving the way for the second half of the concert, an audience sing-along.

Clemmons has a dynamic stage personality, joking with audience members as he explains the contents of his music.

He pauses mid-sentence to wave to a crying child in the audience, laughing, "He has a strong voice; we should sing duets!"

Clemmons explains that he loves children, singing for them and with them, and that he's grateful to have an appropriate repertoire that's healthy and non-violent.

Clemmons wraps himself in his lyrics, entering into the world of his songs as if his voice took root in the soil of slavery itself. Introducing a spiritual arranged by Roland Hayes, Clemmons says it extols Jesus' "great compassion" in giving His life for His people, exemplifying for Clemmons the idea of unconditional love.

Understanding Mr. Clemmons' frame of mind as he sings, underscores the tremendous feeling with which his voice reverberates throughout the Concert Hall.

As the spirituals unfold into stories, Clemmons acts them out, emphasizing words with a jab of a fist in the air, imitating the voice of a woman in a dialogue, crooning to give the impression of a lullaby.

In some of the livelier spirituals, the inflections in his voice establish a steady foot-tapping rhythm; in others his voice swoops and soars with improvised notes. As he ends each spiritual, Clemmons allows a small pause before he lowers his head and bows to the applause, effectively letting silence punctuate the full tones of his music.

After a short break, the sing-along portion of the concert begins. The Middlebury Choir joins Clemmons; as in the first portion of the concert, Cynthia Huart provides a piano accompaniment.

Swaying back and forth to their music, the choir nevertheless fails to feel the lyrics with the grace of François Clemmons, who overpowers their somewhat colorless singing, trying to draw them in to the emotion of the spirituals by tapping his feet and waving his arms.

The choir was most effective on pieces with simple melodious harmonies, during which the female voices blended in brilliant contrast to Clemmons' tenor. During a song entitled "Somebody Knockin' at Your Door," the choir, encouraged by Clemmons, improvised their own harmonies.

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Although some audience members were reluctant to expose their singing voices, the sing-along was an ingenious way to involve audience members in the concert.

Lyrics and music were distributed to everyone who wanted them; selections included such classics as "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands," "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" and "Amazing Grace."

Throughout the concert the charismatic Clemmons warmly drew people into song with his lilting voice and swaying body.

Unfortunately, this concert did not receive as much patronage as it deserved. The audience members were few and far between, and barely any were Middlebury College students, which seems to be the case at school arts events with more and more frequency.

Maybe this informal concert would have shown better attendance had it been on the Center for the Arts terrace, or another outside setting conducive to the singing of Negro spirituals where there was fair-style popcorn an cotton candy.

With all the renowned musicians who perform at Middlebury, perhaps the exceptional talent of the College's own staff is not given the attention it is deserved.

Whatever the reason for the small audience at this particular concert, Francois Clemmons should not be missed in the future by students, faculty, or Middlebury town residents.

Soul King steers from the back seat

By George McElroy
Staff Writer

Upon hearing about "Riding With the King," an album that would meld two of the greatest musicians of all time, I found that it bore resemblance to a kung fu flick: an apprentice, who believes that he has achieved mastery, challenges the one man who can affirm this – his own master. B.B. King could arguably be called the "master" of the blues. There are few whose names draw the same respect or admiration from blues fans. Though far from the rank of a musical apprentice, Eric Clapton, a rock and roll icon, is considered by many music fans to be the greatest guitarists in the world. At heart though, he is a blues guitarist. So master and apprentice have it out in one sweet-sounding, musical kick-boxing match.

B.B. King, an inspiration for aspiring guitarists since he started recording in the late 1940s, has recorded countless albums. His amazingly soulful style has changed little since he emerged onto the music scene. Though he plays only a few notes at a time, he is able to put more feeling into a single riff, with the use of vibrato and innate talent, than most musicians have in an entire album.

Though Clapton might not be seen as quite the musical legend, he is hardly a newcomer to the scene. After progressing through several decades from the Yardbirds, to Derek and the Dominoes, to Cream, and then onto a solo career, Clapton has honed a style of lightning fast, metallic riffs that differs significantly from King's. However, most of his popular material has a heavy blues' influence, though decidedly different from the more traditional blues music found on this new release.

I must admit that I felt the two greats would compete for the spotlight on this album, possibly resulting in a mediocre version of what the common man might see as a potentially groundbreaking musical marriage. However, I was pleasantly surprised to find that King's and Clapton's styles do, in fact, mesh fluidly together to form a great blues album. Each guitarist is consistently able to find a niche on the album for his own particular style.

There are, however, some weaknesses. Throughout the album, Clapton is conservative, holding back on what could be amazing licks. I felt that he should have dropped his musical "guard." Instead, he sticks with tight, carefully orchestrated riffs. The rock and roll man has some trouble competing with King in the "soul department" when singing. This is not say that Clapton lacks soul, rather that B.B. King, in my humble opinion, is the human embodiment of soul.

It must be noted that this is not a rock album. A blues album, yes, very much so. A traditional B.B. King album no less, which just happens to feature Eric Clapton on every track. Not the reverse. Fans of songs like "White Room" and "Tears in Heaven," two songs which represent fairly distinct poles on the Clapton spectrum, may not be fans of this album. If you find that you do not really dig "Riding with the King," at least appreciate the album for its historical resonance.

See What's Happening

This Week in...

Visual Arts

Saturdays at the Museum
09/23

Where: Center for the Arts, Middlebury College Museum of Art, Overbrook Gallery

Family Program: Art Together, 1-2 p.m.; Gallery Talk: Middlebury College: 200 Years, 2 p.m.

What: Families are welcome to come to the Museum without prior registration. The family program will be geared toward children (aged 5-12). David Bain, author of College on the Hill, will give a gallery talk with the guest curator of the recently opened exhibit.

Music

Cyrus Chestnut Trio
performance 09/23

Where: Center for the Arts, Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

What: Jazz legend Cyrus Chestnut and trio visit Middlebury in a not to be missed performance of swing, singning, and sprints. Tickets must be purchased in advanced.

Film

Cultures of Silent Film
showing 09/23

Where: Dana, 3 p.m.

What: A panel of Middlebury professors will show and discuss a series of silent film excerpts in national and cultural contexts.

The Cheat
showing 09/23

Where: Dana, 8 p.m.

What: A 70-minute film on an extra-marital affair that addresses two of the most complicated issues of director Cecil DeMille's lifetime: race relations and marriage.

Day casts a little bit of sunshine in Parisian Tunnels

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Related to Cyrus?

You know, I wonder, because they're both really big guys. Although, Walter had a slightly paler complexion than Cyrus. But in any event he played a great, great, you know, little demo, played like, I don't know, "Trumpeter's Paradise" and "The Carnival of Venice," he had a puppet on his hand, so I knew from just then that I wanted to play the trumpet first of all. So, I played the trumpet from fourth grade until now. That's the instrument on which I was really trained-

Musically.

Right, musically trained. Pretty much your pretty standard classical training, getting into jazz in like tenth grade. And you know there's that moment when you're in high school, when people start looking at the guitar and it's the coolest thing in the world, so that's when I picked up the guitar. Ironically, I think it was a Pixie's tune called "Rock Music" that turned me on to it, I don't know if you know the song.

I don't.

It's ironic because I think it's definitely making fun of rock music and its excesses but I love it, you know, so I got an electric guitar and busted out in general. And, you know, I pretty much just played chords for the first three or four years of my guitar existence, not realizing that you can play just one note at a time. Gradually, I moved into more complex, soloing types of things.

When you came to Middlebury, where would you say your guitar skills were at?

Well, I'd gotten to the point where I was really comfortable in an almost folk sort of style, playing and singing, and I still feel that's the strongest aspect of my guitar playing. Of course, you know, when I get to Middlebury, the story continues and I meet someone like Dave Kolai, who, you know pretty much everything I know on guitar when it comes to like soloing and different voicings and some cooler, more complex chordal arrangments—that comes from him, pretty much, and playing with other guys, like Tyler, or people, like Keith. The thing about playing guitar for me is I've never had any lessons on it, so it's all about, pretty much, picking the brains of your friends who are better than you, which I've done a lot, just learning from them. So that's the coolest part about jamming with other people, that's my, those are my guitar lessons.

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And you will now be playing bass.

Yeah. That's the third part of the story. To sort of set it up in three-

A trilogy.

Yeah, it is a trilogy like any good sequence is. It's the beginning of sophomore year, I'm gonna set the stage for you, it's sophomore year, we have this band in which I have a very shaky, tenuous role cause I play a little acoustic guitar, a little trumpet, but not really much of anything else. And so, it was funny, we spent the first two monthes of sophomore year, walking around—Dave didn't do any walking around because he was too important for that—it was me and Courtney, you know, just spending hours walking around, putting up these signs, BASS PLAYER WANTED, you know, COME AND PLAY WITH US and ironically, it ended up being us who were the two bass players for the band, she was the first one-

Which band was this?

This was the band which would become at some point along the line, Next Exit. And it went through some big changes. So, when we became Next Exit, that was the moment when Dave was like, "yo, why don't you play bass?" and so, I didn't see any reason why not and I did and I discovered that I really like it a lot.

And it came pretty naturally?

I think it came pretty naturally, yeah. Because, I think, the lines that I hear and the harmonies that I hear tend to translate pretty well to the bass. And I like controlling the low end. You know, I like the sonic low end, underlining control.

Anchoring.

Indeed. And that's the thing about the bass player, they aren't flashy or anything, you just gotta to be there and hold it down. And every now and then, you get to bust out but I think that fits with my personality.

Sort of in the tradition of Paul McCartney.

Yeah, who incidentally was a guitar player to start and they drew lots to see who would be the bass player. He lost. But I feel as if my bass playing has taken a step up in this past year in that I've been playing a lot more, I'm feeling really comfortable on it now, but also I got this bass, I sort of-

It's yours.

It's mine. I'm internalizing it.

So, now, how does your band history go?

There was a brief stint with one Joel Hugenberger in the band, Tall, Awkward Guy.

That was a good band. I think I was treated to that band multiple times.

I have great respect for Joel's playing. He's one of those guys I've learned a lot from. He's got great rhythm. That was a pretty short lived institution. The first time I really tasted the nectar of success was in this band, Butter Side Down. And so, you know this is just a totally different thing than I've ever been in, a fifteen piece cover band, basically like a party band. And people seemed to love it and they'd come and groove out, seem to have a good time.

So, do you write original songs?

There's one I'm working on right now, I haven't really come up with a title for it yet. It's about a queen. Folky, acoustic rock. It grooves right along. There's another one I wrote for my dad, called "Billy." When he was a kid, he was called Billy. So, part of it thinks back to when he was a kid or how I imagine it might have been when he was a kid. Not having known him, of course, directly. One of the first songs I wrote sophomore year, in fact, one of my favorite ones, it's called "Strings." That's the one I wrote for Courtney. Most of these have a muse behind them.

That's the thing with art. Muses are very helpful.

Yeah, they are.

Now, Local Honey?

Now, Local Honey. Which I feel is the most grounded and most promisiong of any of these, frankly.

A project with Dave Kotai, Tyler-

Tyler Hersey, and for the moment, Jared Bared on drums. Right now for me, the core of it, because you know we've been really good friends for a long time, me, Tyler and Dave. But I'm excited about Jared, I think, he fits musically and personally with us very well. So, I think that people can look for a bust onto the scene by Local Honey in the next three to four weeks.

Be waiting for that.

We spent this week in Cleveland, pretty much doing nothing but playing, came up with, have a ton of new material. We're really excited about making the music and think that's going to come through in the music and it's gonna be a real high energy, kinda keep-'em-guessing approach to shows.

And that will be at a social house near you?

Yeah, you know. Or other places in which the musical integrity might be a bit…

A bit higher?

Yeah, not to say that, you know, I have nothing against social houses for the record. Oh god, I'm gonna be shot…

I love all of them. (pause.) Yeah, I think you can look for us. We already have a date lined up to play, Earth Day, the spring barbecue, we spoke with Russell.

I was going to bring that up, actually. You played Strauss' "2001: A Space Odyssey," you, Tyler, Dave and Keith, in front of Bicentennial Hall two years ago.

Nice, nice. The show itself was a highlight of our musical year. Personally for me, there was that moment where we were just laying it down and the sun's up there, glinting off the I-beams of Bicentennial Hall. Kind of, one of those moments, you get only rarely, just pure bliss.

All these people are rushing by you. And ninety percent of them could care less what you're doing, you know? But you kind of learn to deal with that and shrug it off. And you get that ten percent that is interested in what you're doing. It's so cool.

This is, uh, sort of off, but I hear you were playing in the Paris metro last fall.

Indeed I was, this was where I was honing my skills. Just me and my guitar. This was the natural conclusion of many years, many afternoons spent just strumming the chords and singing, learning the words to songs and learning a combination of songs that I like to play, people like to hear and it's playing a lot of my tunes too.

You were serenading random girls there?

I have no idea what you're talking about. (laughter.) I think I learned a lot from that experience in that you can kind of use to it, build kind of a thick skin because, you know, you see hundreds and hundreds and probably even thousands of people. I would play for almost two hours at a time or something. And all these people are rushing by you. And ninety percent of them could care less what you're doing, you know? But you kind of learn to deal with that and shrug it off and you do get that ten percent that is interested in what you're doing. It's so cool. You meet a lot of cool people. The first time I tried this, I was in Odéon, this station, I was in the tunnel there and after forty minutes of playing, I was in the middle of a G sort of funk progression, doing a vocal solo, sort of skatting over that. And all of a sudden, this guy gets off the train, just starts walking up towards me and he's just skatting right along with me, doing kind of a call and response thing, we've never even seen each other before and he just sits down next to me and we sing together for the next hour. His name was Homaley. A cool guy. He had the super spiked up, dyed blue hair, a little blue soul patch. We ended up singing a couple of times.

Now, Pete, you're a French major?

Yes, yes, I am. Music minor. Teacher Ed minor. But willing to have a go at it. Willing to, you know, I could see making a living out of music in some function or another. And even if I don't make it, when I'm eighty-five and toothless, sitting on my rocking chair, I'm still gonna be playing music, in one way or another.

And it will have been worth it?

It will have been worth it.

Polar Bears take plunge, gain popularity

By Alison Hertel
Features Editor

For most people the idea of tearing off their clothes in frigid weather and jumping into an icy lake is a bad dream from which they wake, grateful it wasn't true. But, for a growing group of Middlebury students, it's something they do at least once a week.

On Thursday, Sept. 14, a record 97 students came to Adirondack Circle at 10:45 p.m., ready to swim. It was a logistical endeavor, but all the students made it to Lake Dunmore using the Mountain Club suburban, college vans and private cars. Prior to Thursday the largest night swim group had not surpassed 50, and on average there were 20 to 25 participants. Oren Frey '02 and Piper Platte '02, the organizers of the Polar Bears, had previously joked about having 100 people, but they never thought it would really happen. Platte said, "It keeps growing and growing and growing." When asked what attracts people to the Polar Bears she said, "It's a crazy way to get an adrenaline pump going on. It's something unique that they (students) didn't do in high school. It seems like a crazy college activity." Suzanne Slarsky '02, a faithful Polar Bear, said, "It's better than 100 cups of coffee." Slarsky was introduced to the Polar Bears by her Middlebury Outdoor Orientation (MOO) leader, Kristen Black '01, who suggested that she might like it. She liked it so much that she estimates that she has only missed one or two morning swims in her time at Middlebury. This year she has discovered the night swims as well. She said, "Thursday night is psycho." Through the Polar Bears she has met a lot of people she would not otherwise know. She said, "You meet totally cool people, totally crazy people."

Slarsky said that the amount of participants dwindles as the weather gets colder, then in the spring it starts small and gets progressively larger as the weather gets warmer. According to Frey, "It isn't real. You force yourself in." Platte said, "It's the anticipation that kills you." Frey explained that everyone "rips their clothes off" and jumps in. He said, "The only rule is that you have to get your hair wet." He admits that he doesn't always enjoy the swimming, but that "when you get out you feel reborn and invigorated."

Slarsky explained that last year Frey, Platte, and Bill Boykin-Morris '02 made up a core group of morning swimmers. According to Slarsky, Frey and Platte played the roles of mom and dad; she was the energetic one, and Boykin-Morris grumbled all the way. She stressed the importance of this group dynamic. Boykin-Morris is off-campus this year, so the dynamic has changed, but Slarsky is still enjoying herself.

After swimming the Polar Bears gather in a circle and introduce themselves. Frey said that they do dances, "the washing machine and the Mandy Walker dance." After the morning swims the group usually has breakfast (including lots of hot chocolate to warm up).

It's better than 100 cups of coffee.
—Suzanne Slarsky '02

On Saturday, Sept. 16, 11 Polar Bears traveled approximately 75 miles and visited four swimming holes. They called this marathon the first ever Polar Bear Extravaganza. They swam at Bristol Falls, East Middlebury, Lake Dunmore and a spot north of Hancock off of Route 100. Platte liked the spot north of Hancock the best, but says that the East Middlebury spot is her favorite spot close by. She likes the "gorgeous clear water," the bridge and the little cliffs to jump off of.

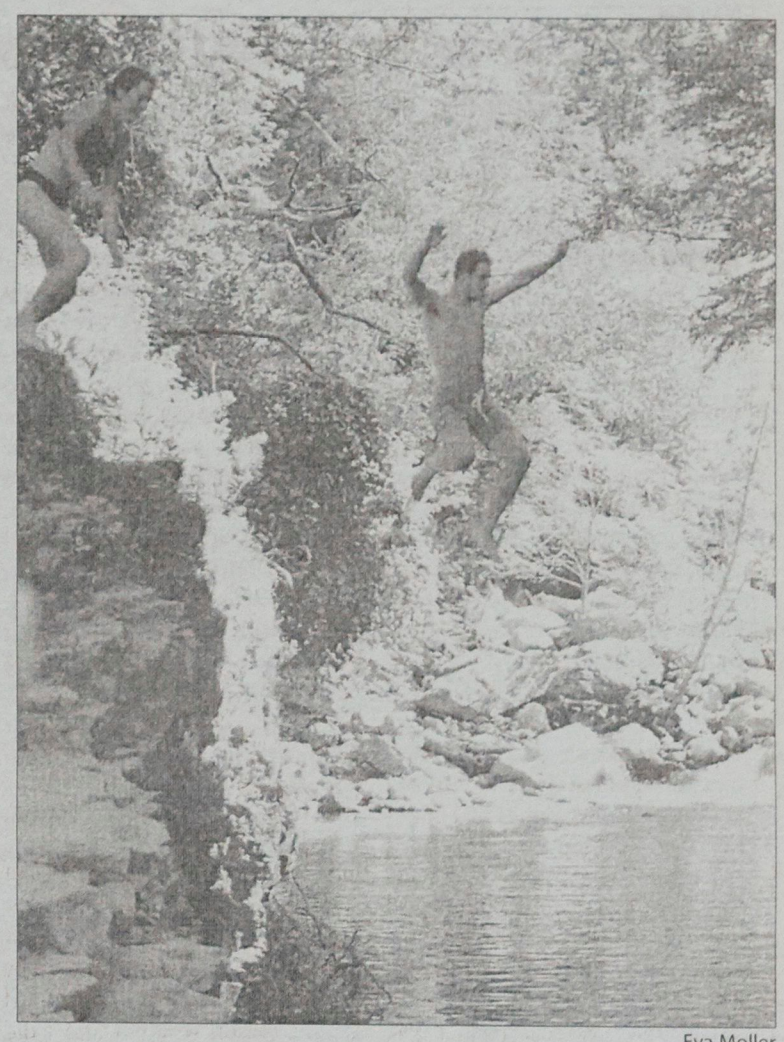
The Middlebury Polar Bears, an offshoot of the Mountain Club, started in 1991 with a small following. The group almost died out a couple of years ago. When Platte got involved as a first year, she said that it was "a dying organization." The swimming used to be only in the mornings, but in the spring of her first year Platte started night swims. They greatly improved the group's popularity.

Platte, who loves to swim in lakes and streams, is from Juno, Alaska, and has a history of polar-bearing. She said, "I did it a lot at home." Polar-bearing runs in Platte's family. Her mother has organized a January 1 Polar Bear Club. Platte said that her mother isn't interested in polar bearing for the rest of the year, but, on Jan. 1, "she's really into it."

Frey had never been polar bearing until he came to Middlebury. He heard about it his first fall and gave it a try. He and Platte were the most enthusiastic Polar Bears and naturally assumed leadership when the previous leaders graduated. Both Frey and Platte are going abroad for the spring semester, and they are worried about the future of the club, but with such a large following it should continue in some form.

Although this year is the club's largest, last year was a big year as well. On Feb. 19, the Polar Bears participated in the Penguin Plunge, a fundraiser for Special Olympics Vermont held in Lake Champlain. Organizers cut a hole in the ice for the swimmers; the air was 15 degrees, and the water was 34. Participants received free souvenir towels. Some students even ended up on the evening news.

During exam week last spring there was swimming every night, and on average there were 30 participants.



Eva Moller
Oren Frey '02 and Piper Platte '02, the founders of the Polar Bears, leap into the Middlebury River during a marathon swim Saturday.

One of Frey and Platte's big goals this year is to make a Polar Bear uniform. They haven't decided what it will be yet. Platte said that they have been thinking about headbands or flip-flops. By selling the uniform they can fundraise for some sort of an activity or party. The Polar Bears do not receive any direct funding from the College; they pay for their vans through the Mountain Club.

This fall semester the Polar Bears swim twice a week, 7 a.m. on Tuesdays and 10:45 p.m. on Thursdays. The latest scheduled swim is Dec. 6. They meet at Adirondack circle for both events. The posters say, "Swimsuits recommended for morning dips and highly discouraged for the late night adventures." Both Frey and Platte welcome new people. Frey said, "Everyone is always glad they did it." People are "immediately converted," according to Platte. "I've never had anyone say, 'This is horrible.'"

Non-profit fair a carnival of career opportunities

By Anne DeWitt
Associate Editor

The media and entertainment industries like to portray GenXers as a bunch of twentysomething slackers, cynical about politics, bored with their jobs, uninterested in family life. On the other hand, our generation — the continuum of young adults and teenagers ages 13 to 22 — has acquired the reputation of being a rather active group of do-gooders. Polls show that the overwhelming majority of those of us who graduate from high school are involved in some kind of community service activity, from building homes for low-income families to traveling to third-world countries to participate in relief programs. In an era where politics is long on soft money and short on hard issues, we see volunteerism rather than voting as the way to make a difference.

Students at Middlebury College participate actively in this trend of public service. Many spend their free time helping a child in a local school learn to read; volunteering as a firefighter or EMT; or working on a house for Habitat for Humanity. For a significant number of these, community service is not just an extracurricular but an entire life. Last year, 27 percent of the graduating class went into education or to work for a non-profit organization — a scarce 3 percent less than the number of students who took jobs in the business industry. Middlebury College was the number one employer of its graduates (with nine students). The runner up? Not some giant I-banking firm, but rather the Peace Corps.

In order to give the many students interested in working for a non-profit an idea of what options exist, the Career Services Office (CSO) arranges a yearly fair attended by non-profit groups from all around the area. This year's Non-Profit Organization Fair will be held on Friday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Proctor Terrace and in the Woodstove Lounge.

The list of over thirty invitees ranges from Addison County Women in Crisis to YouthBuild Burlington, "a comprehensive youth and community development program as well as an alternative school" according to the organization's Web site. The majority of groups hail from the New England area, though some — such as the Adirondack Nature Conservancy — are regional chapters of nationwide organizations. Many, such as Project Harmony, Ecologia, Community Action Inc., EF Foundation, Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program, employ (or were even founded by) Middlebury alumni.

In addition to employment op-

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"Smog" explained

Andrew Corrigan
Stretching his arms out as far as they go, *John Hunisak, professor of the history of art and architecture, explains "Smog" to people from the town and the College as part of Campus Discovery Day held all over campus this past Sunday. Events also took place at the CFA and McCullough.*

What About Bob?

By Bob Wainwright
News Editor

As I sat down to write my column this week, I came to the conclusion that there should be no better resource than me for those of you who might not be up to date on the goings on in the world. So before I get to the true purpose of this essay, allow me to fill your brains with the kind of stuff you should know.

To begin with, both the Democratic and Republican conventions were held this summer. While neither convention was more important than the Met games that happened to be on TV at the same time, I did do some research so that you would not be ill-informed.

On the Republican ticket, George W. Bush Jr. waited till the last second before he picked his dad's old poker pal Dick Cheney as his running mate. However, the following week when Gore chose teen heartthrob Joe Lieberman as his vice-presidential nominee, Bush swiftly and stealthly nuked Cheney, replacing him with fourth-to-last survivor Colleen. In the press release, Colleen explained, "While my legs are badly bitten by mosquitoes, I firmly believe that the ten weeks I spent on an island with a CBS staff that had not seen a hit show since 'Murphy Brown' has prepared me adequately for the position of vice-president."

The Democratic ticket was not without its own "firsts" either. For starters Gore's selection of Lieberman is an especially important one in American history. Believe it or not, Lieberman happens to be the only vice-presidential candidate whose name rhymes with "HEY BEER MAN!" When asked if the rhyme had anything to do with his selection, Lieberman said, "I assure you it did not." However, upon further questioning, Lieberman said, "For the love of God, leave me alone!"

Name games aside, many people have questioned whether Gore has tried to attract some Republican voters by choosing a rather conservative democrat. Luckily, I do not need to debate this question, because on the day of his appointment, Lieberman himself put it to rest. "It is true that I am conservative, which is exactly why, come November, I cannot see myself voting for anyone other than Bush."

The Gore/Lieberman camp has already attacked Bush/Colleen on many issues — the most prominent of which is the question everyone is asking: "Who let the dogs out?"

Speaking of dogs, we must now move over to rabid kangaroos and koalas on steroids. I am, of course, referring to our friends on the other side of the Atlantic, the Australians. This past Monday marked the opening ceremonies of the 2000 Olympic Games in

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Middlebury Co-op buys locally, thinks globally

By Anne DeWitt
Associate Editor

It was the dried pineapple that did it. Oh, there were other things too—the chocolate chips made by Callebaut; the wheels of goat cheese from France and blocks of Parmesan from Italy; the jars of almond butter and local honey. But it was the unsweetened, dehydrated rings of pineapple — with the citric tartness of the fresh fruit and the chewy texture of a fibrous Fruit Rollup — that had me hooked at first bite. Hooked not only on it, but on the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op (MNFC) as a whole.

I come from Madison, Wisconsin. It's a city dominated by yuppies with hippie roots, the kind of people who buy organic fair-trade coffee beans for their espresso makers. Madison has a rich history and thriving tradition of activism, rowdy students and cooperative food stores, and as a first-year, MNFC seemed like a homey spot in an unfamiliar landscape.

The Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op opened in 1976 in the old train depot on Seymour Street, across from where Fire & Ice now stands. Its roots go back to the early '70s, when a set of Middlebury citizens formed a buying club to purchase otherwise unavailable natural foods in bulk. The group expanded rapidly in size and popularity over the next few years, eventually renting a barn in New Haven for storage. When the logistics of dividing huge shipments of bulk goods became overwhelming, the members decided to turn their buying club into a store to handle the demand — and the Middlebury Natural Foods Coop was born.

The store moved to its current location at One Washington Street (across from Grand Union and near Middlebury Bagel and Deli) fairly early in its existence, though at that time it was in the back of the building, and it occupied a quarter of the space it now does. Two expansions, one in 1985 and one in 1994, have led to its size today. The co-op now has between 800 and 900 members. According to general manager Glenn Lower '84 the store may be due to double in size sometime in the near future.

It is a time of change and prosperity for MNFC's fellows all over Vermont. The Onion River Co-op in Burlington recently relocated to a new spot downtown, while the Hunger Mountain Co-op in Montpelier doubled in size.

The current plans for expansion are proving controversial, however. As the store fills all the available space at One Washington Street, any significant growth would require a change of location — something which 60 percent of the members objected to when polled about possible alterations. Not that disagreement is foreign to the MNFC. In fact, the atmosphere regarding store issues has mellowed in recent years. "It's not nearly as controversial as it was decades ago," said Lower.

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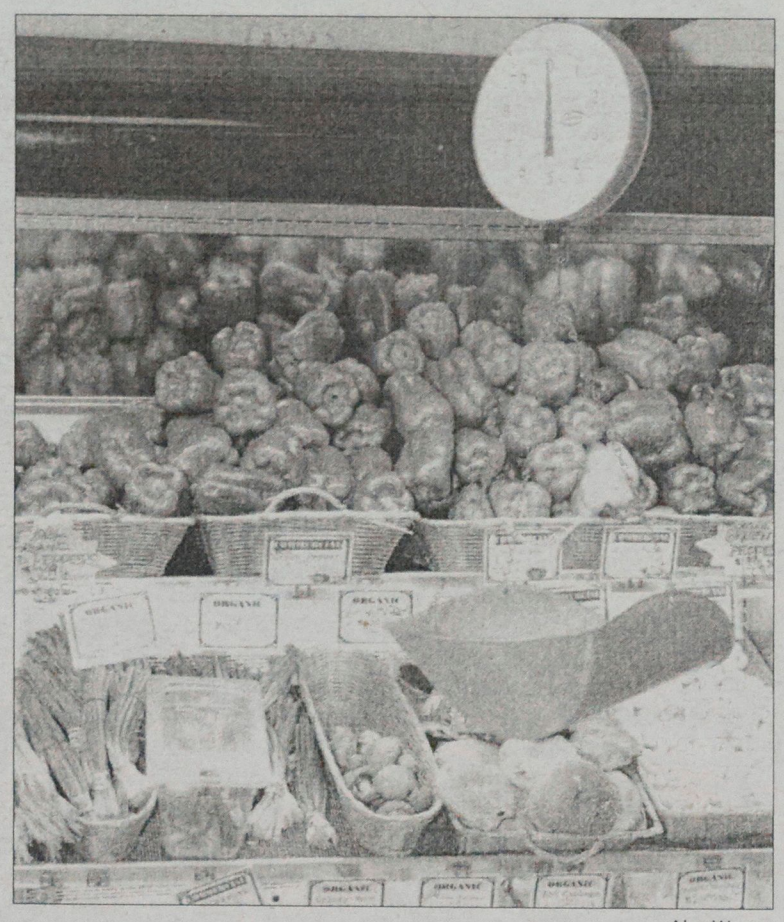

Alex Westra

Since 1976 the Middlebury Co-op has offered Middlebury residents a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables from local farmers.

Taking the ordinary out of commons

By Megan Michelson
Staff Writer

Thanks to the commons system, a Middlebury College student will never suffer from boredom on campus. Even after exhausting all other social activities, students can rely on the entertainment of commons-sponsored social, cultural and intellectual events. The purpose of the commons system is to create residential and social organizations which provide students with an offering of things to do and a sense of community. Each of the five commons has its own identity and traditions and all of them have exciting upcoming events planned for the future.

Ross will continue to plan events with the goal of sponsoring fun and exciting events for commons residents and the entire campus.

Atwater Commons has planned a fondue party for the first Friday of every month for the dean and co-chairs to meet with Atwater Commons residents. There are also barbecues, brainstorming meetings and a brunch planned for the weekend of Sept. 24, Fall Family Weekend I. The big event for this semester is a co-sponsored trip to New York City. Atwater, Brainerd and Wonnacott Commons will be taking students on an art bus to see an Italian Opera and stay overnight in New York City on Friday, Oct. 13. Spots will be reserved for Atwater, Brainerd and Wonnacott Commons residents, but if openings exist, the trip will be opened to all students.

Brainerd Commons celebrated the beginning of the school year with an '80s-themed dance for first-years and has already put on a concert in Mead Chapel highlighting Trefoil, a medieval quartet. "Look for posters about upcoming concerts sponsored by Brainerd Commons," suggested social chair member, Holly Congdon '02. Congdon also mentioned that all members of Brainerd Commons are invited to attend meetings every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Hepburn Lounge to share their thoughts and ideas.

Known as "The Uncommon Common," Cook Commons is busy cooking up ideas for the next semester. Ideas still in the works include a "screw your Cooker" semi-formal and Cookstock, a springtime celebration examining the decades of the '60s and '70s by having speakers and bands from that era. Cook Commons is also interested in having more activities that focus on the arts in order to reach a variety of special interests.

Ross Commons has some action packed events scheduled for the fall. For the family weekends, there will be a hike to Mount Independence at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, and then a day of apple picking at Yankee Kingdom on Sunday Oct. 7. To celebrate Halloween, there will be a pumpkin-carving contest for first-year students on Oct. 25. Ross Commons is especially interested in encouraging first-year students to enjoy themselves by providing weekly study break activities and other events. "Ross

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CAMPUS VOICES

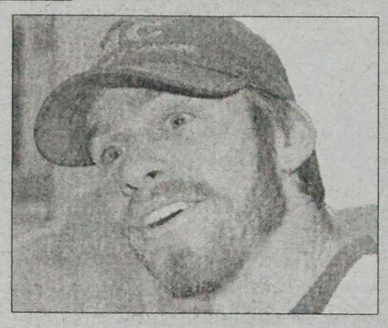
What's the strangest thing you've seen in Bicentennial Hall?

Compiled by Alison Hertel

Photos by Alex Westra

"In the library downstairs there are these bookshelves with buttons that move them left and right."

-Dobo Radichkov '04



"Naked folks in the elavator — wait that was me."

-Josh Frank '01

"A toilet paper sculpture of a naked woman."

-Brittany Graham '03

"I saw some kid doing a handstand on a desk, and he kicked out a ceiling tile."

-Brian Martin '02

Taste of the Town whets appetite for local favorites

By Kristine Palmero
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Sept. 16, Middlebury eateries hosted the annual Taste of the Town. For a $7 ticket, Neil and Otto's, the Waybury Inn, Dog Team Tavern, Mr. Ups, the Middlebury Inn, Green Peppers and Ben & Jerry's provided samples of sticky buns, pizza, bean burgers and brownie sundaes while D8, the Mischords and local bands entertained the small crowd.

Although not well publicized, the Taste of the Town was successful in introducing first-year students, especially, to a few of the restaurants in Middlebury. Here's a little more about some of the featured restaurants.

Neil and Otto's Pizza Cellar

For Middlebury students, Neil and Otto's is synonymous with the ubiquitous all-nighter. When the hunger pangs hit, all you have to do is call 388-6774 or 388-6776 to have their famous pizza sticks with ranch dressing delivered to your door. You can also dine in at the Pizza Cellar where you can play a game of Trivial Pursuit or Go-Fish while waiting for your calzone, antipasto or one of their gourmet pizzas. The atmosphere is calm and relaxing and the food is pretty good. For those of you who hate to wait, though, the time between ordering your food and finally eating it may be a little too relaxed. Students' gripe with the pizza is that it takes 45 minutes to an hour for it to reach their dorm room. Still, when you're hungry and the neon glow of the vending machine isn't as attractive as it has been for the last five nights, a box of their pizza sticks is worth the wait.

Mr. Ups

Wednesday's Dollar Draft Nights, the best mud pie in Vermont, an extensive salad bar, the all-you-can-eat Easter Sunday brunch and college student-friendly prices — only a few of the list of reasons Mr. Ups continues to be a popular restaurant. Located on 25 Bakery Lane, Mr. Ups is a wonderful place to hang out with friends. While it's still warm, take advantage of their tables outside, and if you're close enough to the river, you can even befriend a few ducks by throwing bread at them. One of the newer items on their menu is the Club Midd, a turkey club sandwich as generously sized as its name suggests. Other foods to try are their garlic shrimp, which does not leave you with a bitter garlic aftertaste, their nachos and their French onion soup. Unless it's Family or Homecoming weekend, there is almost always room at Mr. Ups. So if you and a friend are up for a basket of fries in a non-Grille environment, Mr. Ups is it.

The Middlebury Inn

The biggest compliment from people who've dined at The Middlebury Inn is "They are so nice!" They treat diners as well as they take care of their overnighters. The Inn prepares lunch and dinner buffets during the week and a delightful weekend brunch. If you don't have class between 3 and 4:30, head down to the Middlebury Inn to enjoy an afternoon tea, or make a trip later in the evening for dessert and coffee. The fare is fancier, the prices higher, but the Middlebury Inn is definitely a unique dining experience which you must try more than a few times.

Dog Team Tavern

Don't eat anything before going to Dog Team Tavern because you'll be stuffed. Patrons have said that after eating at Dog Team, their next wish is to roll over and go to sleep because they are so full. This restaurant's trademark sticky buns and relish wheel are served with your salad, which precedes a huge entrée. For those who still have room for dessert, another Tavern special is the maple oatmeal pie to go with your cup of freshly brewed coffee. Dog Team Tavern has an intimate feel and the walls are covered with hand-hooked mats with images of dog teams, bears and icebergs. Because of its great food and wonderful ambience, Dog Team is one of the most popular restaurants in the area. Beware, though. If you're in a hurry, go elsewhere. 6:30 p.m. reservations could mean having to wait an extra 20 minutes.

Katy Saunders

Residents sample cuisine from local restaurants at the Taste of the Town Saturday in downtown Middlebury.

A CSO carnival of career openings

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portunities for graduating seniors, the Non-Profit Fair also features information about internships for younger students looking for summer or Winter Term experiences with a non-profit organization. For a complete list of the participating organizations (and links to their Web sites when available), go to www.middlebury.edu/~cso/npf.htm.

Krista Siringo of the Career Services Office calls the Non-Profit Fair "a response to the need to bring some awareness to campus of all the different opportunities that are out there." Siringo has been in charge of orchestrating this year's event, with help from Margaret Aycock '01 who was in charge of seeking out potential attendees, sending them informational mailings and then following up with telephone calls.

Now in its sixth year, the Non-Profit Fair "started out as an informational kind of event," according to Siringo. She sees a certain evolution in the event since its early days. "Now, a lot of the organizations that are coming are going to be talking about different employment opportunities."

Siringo also stresses the Alumni Career Panel as a "great way for students to talk with alums who have lots of different things in and around the non-profit sector." The panel will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28, in the Chateau Grand Salon. Three Middlebury alumni involved with the not-for-profit world will discuss the current state of such organizations and will give advice regarding how to initiate a career in the field.

These alumni are John Cuneo '72, executive director of Community Action, Inc, who just recently got back from South Africa, where he was surveying community-based human service programs; Steve Schrodel '92, currently a senior health care consultant at Deloitte Consulting, who will share what he learned during his five years as a policy analyst for government agencies and non-profit organizations; and Humberto Garcia-Sjogrim '96 who founded and co-chairs GiveAShare.com, an Internet start-up company that works to assist non-profits with fundraising and technology assistance.

Proctor is a popular place to be on Fridays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and the heavy traffic flow has, in past years, led to a successful fair. "A lot of people stumble upon it...and wind up finding out about really good summer opportunities or internships," said Siringo. Not to mention something to do after graduation.

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Support local and organic farmers at the co-op

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Lower graduated from Middlebury in 1984 with a degree in biology, and went on to teach high school for eight years. When he moved back to the Middlebury area and found no openings for science instructors in the local high schools, Lower got a job in produce at the co-op. "We attract a lot of teachers here," he comments, suggesting that this may be due to that portion of co-op ideology that encourages the education of its members.

Lower is now in his third year as manager. He calls his job a "balancing act." The co-op is run by an 11-member board, who are elected to their position by the members. The board's responsibilities then lie in communicating the wishes of their constituents to Lower. Lower says that "trying to stay linked to 850 members" proves constantly challenging, as does dealing with "how to accommodate such rapid growth." Along with the business side of the job, exist the difficulties associated with the product itself. Lower points to "issues around food that people are becoming more aware of." These include fears about the dangers of genetically engineered crops, which the co-op tries to avoid purchasing, although with the current lack of formal labeling their efforts cannot be assured. MNFC also steers away from artificial ingredients, irradiated foods, animal products from livestock treated with hormones — such as dairy products from Bovine Growth Hormone cows — and animal-tested goods.

The Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op opened in 1976 in the old train depot on Seymour Street, across from where Fire & Ice now stands.

Instead, the co-op focuses on organic produce. This category includes fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses and so on that have been raised without the help of manufactured chemicals. Although recent studies suggest that pesticides probably have no negative impact on human health, organic farming remains an ecologically sound method of raising food without harming the environment.

The main distributor for MNFC is Northeast Cooperatives — itself a cooperative venture. Located in Brattleboro, Vt., Northeast Cooperatives does about $100 million a year in sales. This seems like an immense quantity of business, but in fact totals just one-tenth of that handled by United Natural Foods Incorporated, another distributor employed by MNFC and one that serves the 48 states of the continental US.

As well as encouraging organic agriculture, the coop also supports local farmers. They buy directly from about 40 nearby growers of sugar snap peas, red currents, sweet corn, tomatoes, apples and other fresh fruits and vegetables. In addition to the local produce, the MNFC purchases a quantity of regional goods, which range from eggs to pasta to maple syrup. The co-op also sells staples from whole-wheat pastry flour to quinoa pasta in bulk, all-natural cereal, tea and coffee by the shelful, chocolate-covered crystalized ginger — the list goes on and on.

Hungary yet? For a five-dollar setup fee, and a $20 yearly share payment, you can become a member of the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op. The benefits include not only 2 percent off on all co-op purchases but also discounts at a variety of local venues, from Ben & Jerry's pints to dada kitchenware to Waterfront Video movie rentals. A working membership garners a larger discount at the co-op: 10 percent off every $60 purchase for each hour worked. Remember, by joining you support organic farmers, local agriculture — and whoever makes that fabulous dried pineapple.

Take a hike: Find fall foliage and family fun in local landscape

By Jessica White
Staff Writer

Your plan for parents' weekend is all set. You'll visit The Grille, spend some quality time at the campus store, and maybe even try out Mister Up's famous salad bar. It's perfect — but you feel like there's something missing...a day in the mountains! The smell of fall in the air and the sight of the leaves beginning to turn vibrant yellow and orange are calling you. Perhaps you have never ventured off Middlebury's campus and only marveled at the hills from a distance. Now is your chance to explore and impress your parents too! Here are a few suggestions for great day hikes for the whole family — starting with more challenging ones and ending with a few easier options.

Mount Abraham

For those families ready for an adventure, Vermont's Mount Abe is an ideal choice, a nearby mountain measuring 4,006 feet in height. Because Mount Abe is one of just five summits in Vermont over 4,000 feet, you will be able to see spectacular views of the Green Mountain chain to the south, the Champlain Valley to the west and, on a clear day, the White Mountains to the east. (If you look very closely, it is even possible to see Middlebury's Bicentennial Hall from the summit!)

Length: 5.2 miles total

Directions: Drive north on Route 7. After 8 miles, turn right onto Route 17. Continue east on 17 past the junction with Route 116 and through the town of Bristol. After 6.8 miles you will cross a bridge and then turn right onto Lincoln Road, 4.7 miles west of Route 100 in Warren. There is parking two-tenths of a mile west of Lincoln Gap, as well as along the road in the vicinity of the trail crossing. (A 40-minute drive from campus.)

Rattlesnake Cliffs and Silver Lake

This beautiful area overlooking Lake Dunmore provides moderate hiking and is easy to reach from campus. The Silver Lake Trail winds its way up from the parking lot and soon forks to the right, where hikers can also decide to venture left towards Rattlesnake Cliffs. Before choosing a path, be sure to stop and admire the sights and sounds of the Falls of Lana, a gorgeous waterfall overlooking Lake Dunmore and the Adirondack Mountains. This is a perfect hike for all the family — a good walk for the speedy ones and beautiful views for those who decide to sit and relax at the falls.

Length: 2.4 miles to the cliffs. Although you'll reach the falls after hiking for about 15 minutes.

Directions: Drive south on Route 7 of Middlebury and turn left onto Route 53. Follow Route 53 to a parking lot on the left .4 miles past Branbury State Park. (A 15-minute drive from campus.)

Snake Mountain

Another great hike within easy reach of Middlebury, Snake Mountain provides wide-sweeping views of Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks. The trail winds moderately upwards, ending at a flat summit where you will see the remains of an old hotel foundation that burned down at the beginning of the century.

Length: 3.6 miles total

Directions: Take Route 125 west to Route 22A, then drive north for 4.5 miles to Wilmarth Road. Turn right and continue to end and junction with Mountain Road. Turn left; the parking area will appear shortly on the left. A gated woods road to the right is where the trail begins. (A 25-minute drive from campus.)

Skylight Pond

Looking down upon Middlebury's Bread Loaf Mountain campus, Skylight Pond lies at the summit of Battel Mountain. A lovely lodge awaits you at the top, where you can eat your picnic lunch and thermos of hot tea. Ahhh... This is an easy half-day trip, with spectacular views of the local area.

Length: 4.8 miles total

Directions: Follow Route 7 south to Route 125 east. From Route 125, 2.8 miles east of Ripton, turn north onto USFS Road 59 and drive 3.5 miles to the parking area for the Skylight Pond Trail. (A 20-25 minute drive from campus.)

Texas Falls

A perfect hike for inexperienced moms and dads, Texas Falls Recreation Area offers an easy hike through Vermont's beautiful Green Mountains. A deep rushing river follows the trail and soon leads you to the falls, a breathtaking spot on a clear, fall afternoon.

Length: 1.2 miles total

Directions: Take Route 7 south to Route 125. Drive east on Route 125 for 13 miles over the mountain. The access road for Texas Falls is on the left soon after you reach the bottom of the mountain. Drive about half a mile until you find the parking area on your left. The trail starts across the road. (A 30-minute drive from campus.)

Take advantage of this perfect excuse to venture off campus and guide your parents through some of Vermont's most beautiful mountains, lakes and waterfalls. You'll feel happy, refreshed and raring for more...Enjoy!

Directions were taken from the booklet *Exploring the Landscape* written in 2000 by alumni from the Class of 2000.

Courtesy Photo

Mandy Walker '02.5 treks on the Long Trail with her sister Becky.

Olympics inspire awe for badminton

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Sydney (a place in Australia). It should be noted, however, that due to our separate time zones the games have been completed in Australia, and have been in that same state of completion since what was our August (their early October).

According to IOC Chairman Juan Antonio Samaranch, the 2000 Games in Sydney are especially important, because they are the "first games of the new century." That and other statements of Samaranch's can be found in this week's issue of *Duh?* magazine. In the same issue, you may also find an article on how I just stole that joke from SNL's Norm MacDonald...

But seriously speaking, the Olympics are truly special. For instance, there are only two weeks every four years when you can turn to your mates and say, "Let's watch synchronized swimming!" without being shot. In other words, it is amazing to see how people can grow as passionate about U.S. badminton as they would an NBA Finals game seven. Finally, in a sports world run by corporate sponsorships and big contracts, it is refreshing to sit back, relax and for two weeks enjoy the the biggest sporting event in the world...that is, where they don't take American Express.

Now that you are all caught up on what's happening in the eastern AND western hemispheres, allow me to finish with the idea that I originally intended to use as the backbone of the entire article. This summer, a friend of mine told me a story about how a man had said in a job interview that the most important invention of all time was the thermos. My friend thought this was hysterical, and so did I, for a while that is. You see, recently, I've been thinking. A thermos keeps the cold drinks cold and the hot drinks hot. It contains no motor, nor cooling device of any sort. So, if you don't mind humoring me for just a second, how does it know which is

Commons events provide social options

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Commons is planning more activities where our first-years can have some friendly competition with other halls in Milliken. It is our hope that through these games, they will become closer to their hall mates and dorm mates. At the moment we are planning a way in which we can have inter-commons competitions, so our first-years can find friendships in other first-year dorms as well," said Yara Luna '03, a co-chair for Ross Commons. With the help of other commons members, Ross will continue to plan events with the goal of sponsoring fun and exciting events for commons residents and the entire campus.

Wonnacott Commons has a study break scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21, featuring acoustic performer Pat Fitzsimmons, a singer and songwriter from Burlington. For Fall Family Weekend I, there will be a football game tailgate party on Sept. 23, and a Wonnacott barbecue outside Voter Hall on Sept. 25.

The commons leaders have many other ideas for exciting fall events and are open to input from residents. "I'm absolutely excited about the upcoming events. We have a lot of plans, especially for first-year students, who will hopefully be as excited as I am," said Megan Dodge '03, a Wonnacott Commons co-chair.

Book worm

Andrew Corrigan

Taking advantage of the good weather before fall, *Kristin Wainwright '04 studies outside on the grass near Ross Commons. Sunny skies have brought people out of the library and onto the lawns of our campus.*

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Men's tennis gets pleasant surprise from young doubles team

Andrew Corrigan

Men's tennis hosted the Middlebury Invitational this past weekend. Bates won the tournament, while other participants included Colby and Bowdoin.

By Dan Prepas
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team broke in the fall tournament season this weekend at the annual Middlebury Invitational, finishing fifth overall out of eight teams competing.

The tournament is a flighted tournament with four singles and doubles flights, putting the number one and two seeds in the first flight, three and four in the next, and so on.

Three NESCAC teams besides Middlebury competed in the invitational; Bates, which eventually won the tournament, Colby, and Bowdoin.

Although no Middlebury player won a singles or doubles flight, there were some very impressive showings in doubles and singles. Middlebury's top singles player, Steve Hulce '03.5 cruised through to the quarterfinals before dropping a three set marathon (6-2, 6-7, 6-3) to eventual A flight singles champion, Alex MacDonald of Bates.

Senior captain Matt Rymzo rebounded from a tough three set first round defeat to win the consolation A flight.

In doubles, Middlebury made quite an impressive showing. The number one doubles duo of Steve Hulce and Matt Rymzo had an exhilarating semifinal match against the number two seed and nationally ranked team from the College of New Jersey.

The team rallied from two breaks and match point down to win 9-8 (9-7 in the tiebreaker). While the team had to default the final match because of a minor shoulder injury to Hulce, the victory gave Hulce and Rymzo a boost of confidence going into the upcoming ECAC and Rolex tournaments.

Newcomers to the team Dan Stenson '03 and Stuart Brown '04 gave Coach Shwartz reason to be optimistic about the current fall season winning their first doubles set in the difficult A flight (8-2) dominating an overmatched Vassar team.

> I saw a lot of positive things on the court, but at the same time there is still a lot of room for improvement.
> — coach Dave Shwartz

Their only loss came to the eventually winners Crawford and Davidson from Skidmore, as the new tandem easily cruised to victory through the consolation flight. Stenson, a native Minnesotan with two large earrings, was not used to the heat.

It is a promising sign for Middlebury to have strength at number two doubles this fall season, seeing as last years' number one doubles team, John Hugo '02 and Matt Dougherty '02, is lost for the year on abroad programs.

Commenting on the tournament, first year Coach Dave Schwartz remarked, " I saw a lot of positive things on the court, but at the same time there is still a lot of room for improvement."

When asked about the biggest difference between Division I and III tennis, Schwartz said, "the biggest difference is that on a division one team the strength and depth in the latter part of the lineup is significantly better than in division three."

If the number four, five, and six singles doubles teams can continue to improve throughout the year, Middlebury can improve on their 6th place finish in a tough NESCAC division this upcoming spring season.

Middlebury looks to improve upon its initial showing going into the ECAC tournament this weekend at Vassar College, and prepare for the Rolex regional tournament at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology the following weekend.

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Native skier evaluates mountains of home

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If trams and gondolas had never been invented skiing may have taken this path. There would be no lift lines, shorts walks from the parking lot to the hill, and a generous yet cheap mug of steaming cider waiting for everyone at the end of the day.

As much as Suicide Six warms my heart, another Southern Vermont resort, Ascutney Mountain, breaks it. Ascutney is a nice family owned resort, but it just puts me in a bad mood to think about it. One poorly place midstation unloading deck tore my favorite racing poles in half. The food was far, far below Mrs. Dow's home cooking.

The worst thing for me was that the Boston College Ski Team trained there and they had beautiful Atomic Betacruiser skis, provoking jealousy on my part. I then watched the team ski, and they looked like they would treat the Snow Bowl like an unskiable crag. I vowed then and there never to endorse a resort that endorsed a poor ski team. And to think that my own brother made snow for them.

All in all, Vermont skiing is very treacherous and challenging. There are, rocks, guys skiing in Eurotrash skisuits, guys in jeans and flannel and even the occaisional snowboarder.

Fear not skiers, the only ones you'll be putting up with in ten years will be the guys in flannel and the rocks.

Men's cross country looks to train, improve

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have breakthrough performances. The most improved runner of the meet was Mike Unger '03, who dropped a full two minutes from his time on the same course one year ago.

"Mike Unger is the Cinderella story of the season," exclaimed Santoro. "He really did his homework over the summer."

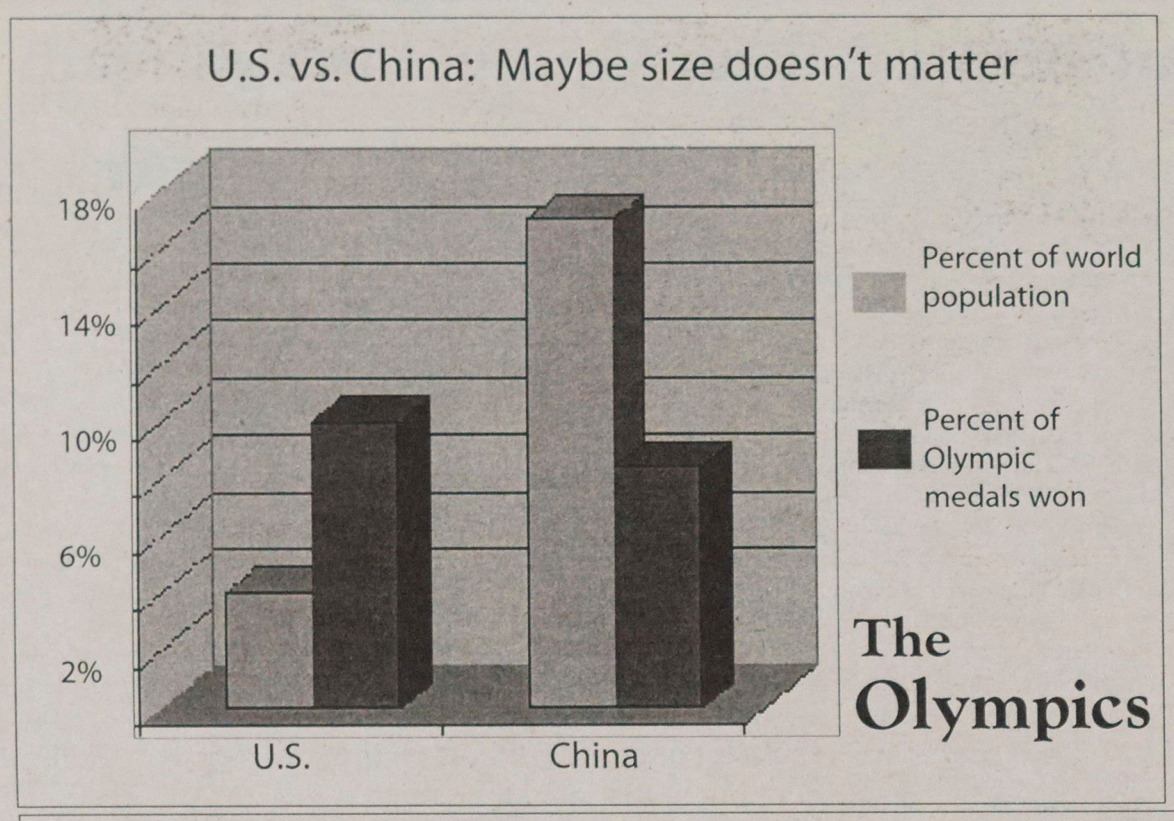
According to Unger, the key to his improvement was not running higher mileage, but instead starting his training program earlier in the summer and adding a weekly tempo run to his training regimen.

Crossing the line 22nd overall in a time of 29:36, Unger was followed by a steady stream of blue and white, led by Tom Santoro '01 (23rd, 29:39).

Clipping at his heels were sophomore and junior returnees Tim Weston and Ryan Richards, who finished 24th and 28th respectively.

Judging by their performance on Saturday, the men's team has every reason to look forward to a great season. They are easily one of themost disciplined teams around.

As Unger stated, "People are going to keep getting stronger as the season progresses. Everyone is motivated. I see the team improving from here."



A guide to the charms, pifalls of Vermont skiing

By Ben Dow
Sports Editor

Ski season, although still a good two months away, is just around the corner. As a native Vermonter, I have been hurling my body down icy slopes all of my life and for the last eight years on skis. As a service to my fellow skiers, I will offer a review of the resorts that I have frequented and just passed through.

The chances of being busted for poaching illegal terrain by the ski patroller in your economics class are slimmer than being nailed by a Killington storm trooper.

Killington is the biggest resort in the East, and that is definitely evident by the 30,000 people that convene there every weekend. This means icy conditions, little kids everywhere, and obnoxious hot-dogs wearing backward Red Sox caps. Speaking of hot dogs, the food at Killington is so ridiculously priced that it's more worthwhile to steal food, eat it, then pay a fine or do jail time instead of buying it. But in overall terrain, Killington is tough to beat. There are parks, glades, bumps and cruisers for every skier. One has to watch out for corporate policy on the slopes in the form of ski patrollers.

Take it from me; when you get busted for being out of bounds, just let the patroller tell you how cool he is for letting you off with a warning. Killington is just a stalwart whether it's sunny and freezing or overcast and slushy. If you go there, chances are you will find a trail to spend the day on.

Pico, Killington's neighbor and partner, has the distinction of being the only hill to give me a concussion. It was my fault. It reminds me of a slightly larger Snow Bowl but without the rowdy college crowd. It is soon to be connected to Killington by a huge ski-through trail, so please go there at least once before the masses make the trek over the hill. Take a right at the baselodge to the singlechair and enjoy.

College riffraff aside, the Bowl has some great skiing when the snow falls. Anyone can build a kicker, the trees are always open, and the chances of being busted for poaching illegal terrain by the ski patroller in your economics class are slimmer than being nailed by a Killington storm trooper. But don't go and do it because I said to.

Sugarbush is still very confusing to me even though I learned to ski there eight years ago and have been going there ever since. I don't know if the Mount Ellen lodge is the southernmost one or if that's Lincoln Peak. Sugarbush always feels slushy and uncomfortably warm to me. The Castlerock region seems like a toned-down version of the entire Mad River Glen resort. But now that it is part of the American Skiing Company, it can make lofty claims and no one can stop it in the same way no one can stop Microsoft. You simply can't fight the power.

A great small resort is Bolton Valley, which is one of the few Vermont ski venues with night skiing. I learned there that the only thing scarier than crashing is crashing in the dark. It was a nice, small area, but the best of that category is Suicide Six. I love that place because it feels like I'm skiing in an old farmer's field; partly because I am in a farmer's field and partly because of the gargantuan maples and stone walls that line the trails.

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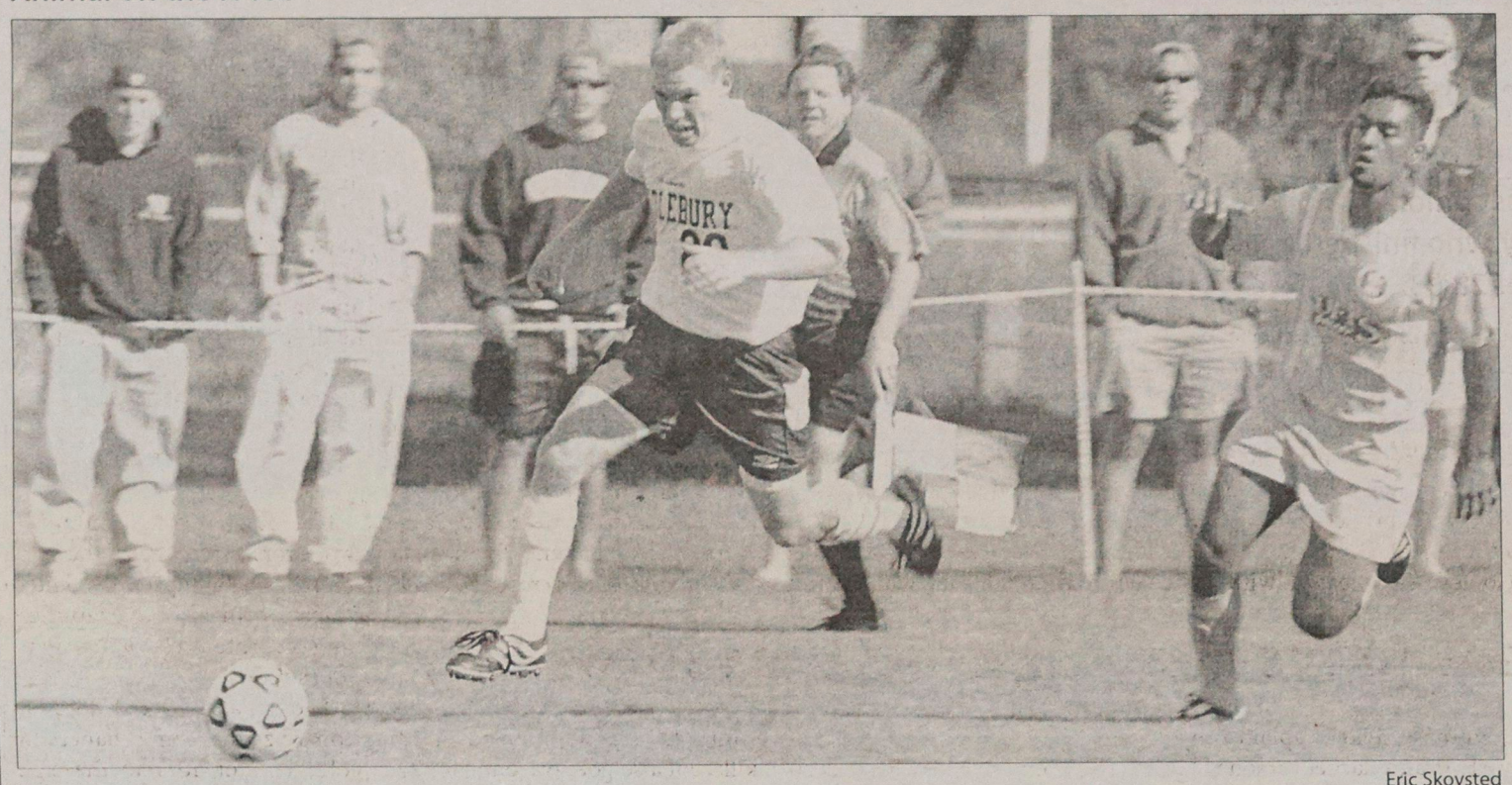
Animal on the loose



Eric Skovsted

Dribbling the ball ahead of a Tufts defender hot in persuit, *Danny Roda '04 closes in on the net and prepares to unleash a rocket of a shot. Men's soccer tied Tufts 1 to 1 and will play Castleton on Wednesday the 20th.*

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Men's cross country: summer is key to success

By Kate Irvin
Staff Writer

It was evident that the Middlebury men's cross country team had done their homework this summer as they cruised to a third place finish at the Fourth Annual Panther Invitational this weekend.

The meet marked the first official race held on the newly revamped Red Kelly Trail, which was a much faster and less treacherous course due to the installation of drainage ditches, culverts, water bars, and gravel fill over the summer.

Boyd was followed closely by first-year phenom Marshall Greene, who crossed the line in 14th place.

Towing the line next to the Panther pride were such talented teams as St. Lawrence University and SUNY-Oswego, as well as Norwich University, Johnson State College, and Union College.

Winning the meet in a near perfect score of 20 points was 11th ranked St. Lawrence, whose varsity squad claimed 2nd through 8th places. Oswego followed with 53 points, aided by the phenomenal performance of Rich Friedrich, who won the race in a time of 27:08. Middlebury followed with 76 points, with Union, Norwich, and Johnson State finished 4th, 5th, and 6th respectively.

Finishing first for the Panthers was Marshall Boyd '02, who placed 12th overall in a sizzling time of 28:34.

Boyd was followed closely by first-year phenom Marshall Greene, who crossed the line in 14th place with a time of 28:49.

His performance was particularly impressive considering the fact that Greene, along with all male first-year runners, faced running a distance nearly two miles longer than the 5K he ran throughout high school. Yet Greene seemed to handle the challenge with ease, which bodes well for the long season ahead.

As senior co-captain Tom Santoro stated, "It's great to have a first-year of his caliber making a strong contribution so early in the season." Indeed with more speed training and experience, Greene can look forward to making an even greater impact on the team as the season progresses.

Next across the line was senior co-captain Mike Cooley, who finished 17th overall in a time of 28:53.

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Cooley was pleased with his performance, saying, "I felt pretty tired during the race, but that was to be expected after two weeks of intense training. We trained through the meet, which made Saturday tough, but will pay off later in the season."

Yet despite putting a hard week of training before the weekend's competition, there were a few Panthers who overcame fatigue to

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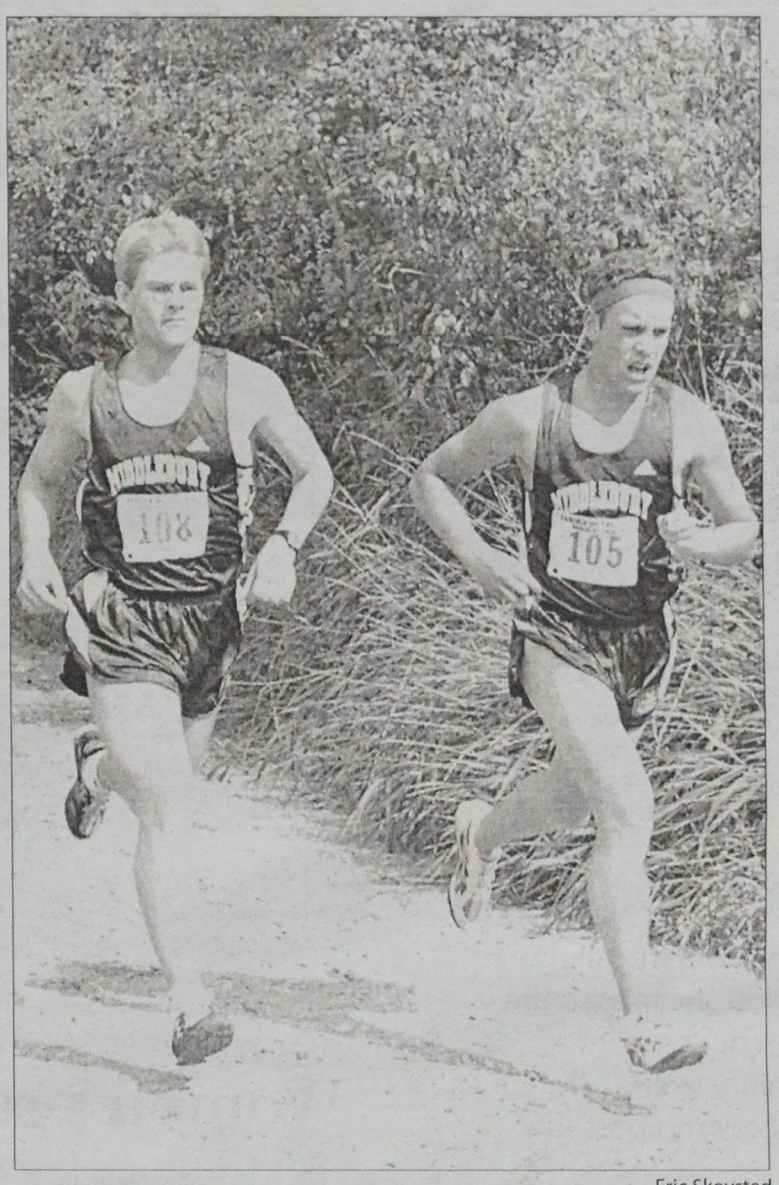

Eric Skovsted

The Middlebury men placed third at last weekend's Panther Invitational.

Volleyball team plays sky high yet stays low-key

By Ben Dow
Sports Editor

Although not as sunny and sandy as their California beach counterparts, the volleyball courts of Pepin Gym could never be accused of being home to less action.

The Middlebury women's volleyball squad sees to that. Currently ranked fourth out of 11 teams in the NESCAC, this team has some of the most talented first-years and biggest stars in the conference.

Last weekend the Panthers competed in a quad-match at Hamilton College and earned victories over Trinity University and Connecticut College before falling to Wesleyan University.

Women's Volleyball

Saturday, September 16th

Middlebury	3
Connecticut College	1

Saturday, September 16th

Middlebury	2
Wesleyan	3

The team's 3-1 victory over Trinity was earned 16-4, 12-15, 15-8, 15-11. A volleyball match is decided when a team is the first to win 3 games. In the win, captain Leslie Edwards '01 collected 14 kills (a more violent form of the word spike), seven digs and five blocks.

Edwards is currently third in the conference in blocks. According to her coach, Sarah Raunecker '92, Edwards, fellow captain Amy Lowell '01 and Rachel Faraone '02 are leaders who can help the five first-years become wizened in both offensive and defensive areas. Lowell had 10 kills in the match and Faraone added 10 digs on defense.

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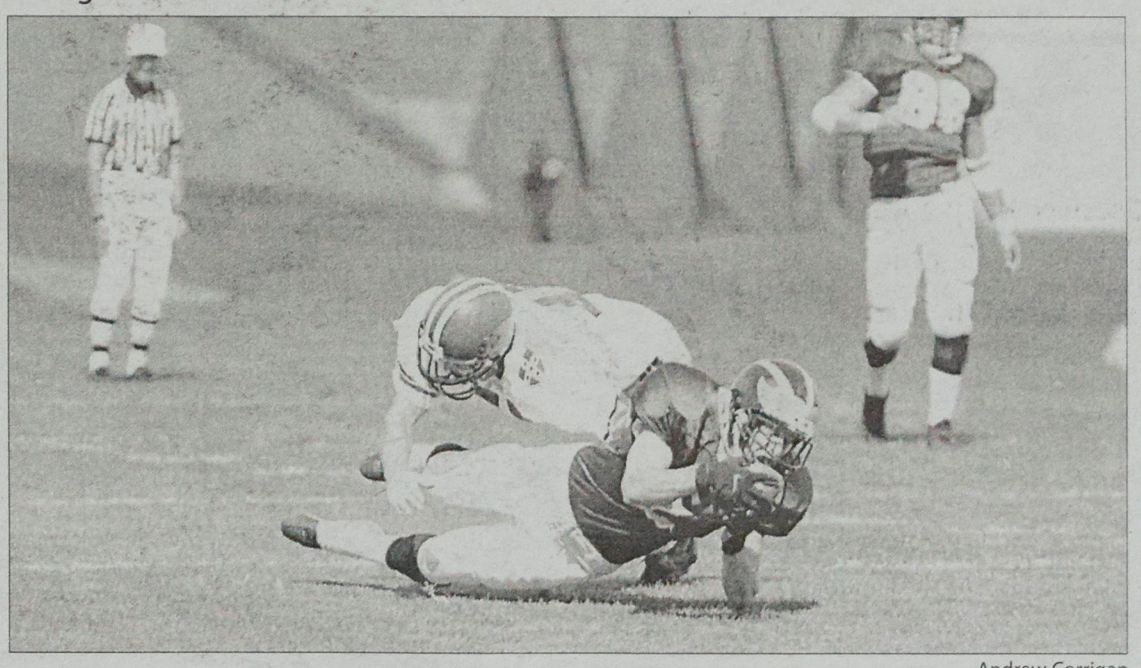
In the next match the Panthers cruised past Connecticut College 3-1 (15-9, 15-11, 15-16, 15-8). Evan Kanaly '03 led the offensive charge with 10 kills. She was backed on defense by Faraone's 16 digs, as well as13 from both Kelly Jensen '02 and Edwards.

The team's sole loss, a 3-2 decision to Wesleyan, came down to a 13-15 game won by the Cardinals. Edwards, an All-New England selection last season, led the team with 16 kills on offense. Lowell, a former conference MVP, followed with 14. Faraone chipped in 13 kills, but also got horizontal for 22 digs. Luz Brito '04, the sole first-year starter, followed suit with 20 digs. Jensen contributed 18 digs.

In a sport where success is so contingent upon team chemistry, coach Raunecker commented her team was, "shaping up nicely". She thought the number four ranking was accurate, agreeing that, "it's where we're at right now".

The team is in action again tomorrow at Colby-Sawyer College.

Going the distance



Andrew Corrigan

Making one last ditch effort to get the first down, *a Middlebury wide receiver drags a tackler with him as he falls to the ground. The Panthers scrimmaged this weekend to prepare for their upcomming season.*

Olympic sprints

By Matt Rymzo
Assistant Sports Editor

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The United States are off to an impressive start in the games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, Australia, leading the way with eighteen total medals: seven gold, six silver, and five bronze.

Close behind is host country Australia with seventeen and France with fifteen. Favored in upcoming swimming, track & field, basketball, and softball events, the United States looks to increase the medal gap.

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Dot Richardson committed two errors in the top of the 11th inning as Japan upset the United States 2-1 Tuesday to snap their unprecedented 112 game winning streak.

Though a setback, it does not jeopardize the team's chances for gold, The top four in the eight team tournament advance to the medal round and the United States is still favored.

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The United States men's and women's swimming teams are posting impressive results, collecting eight and six medals respectively, each with three golds.

Ukranian-born Lenny Krayzelburg, gold medal winner in the 100 meter backstroke commented, "You're measured in this sport by whether you win an Olympic gold medal, I'm glad I got one. It's better than anything I've ever done in my life."

On the women's side, sixteen-year-old high school junior Megan Quann captured the gold in the 100 meter breastroke in 1 minute 7.05 seconds.

Australia is proving to be the closest contender in the pool with eight of their seventeen total medals won in swimming.

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The United States men's gymnastic team looks to regroup in the individual competition after a disappointing sixth place finish in the team competition.

China upset favored Russia to capture the team competition gold.

Women's cross country runs single-file into season's first win

By Mike Cooley
Staff Writer

The women's cross country team kicked off what is sure to be a memorable season last Saturday in front of a generous crowd of friends and family.

The women, who are shouldering the task of living up to last year's second place finish at NCAAs, quickly proved that they are prepared for the challenge. They ran away from the competition in the Panther Invitational to win the meet with a perfect score of 15. Following distantly were St. Lawrence University, SUNY-Oswego, Union College, and Norwich University with respective score of 54, 67, 113, and 154.

Assistant coach Molly Enman expressed her satisfaction with the team's results and future outlook. "We look good. The season started well. People came off the summer in good shape and it showed in Saturday's race. We are also excited about the freshmen."

Leading the Panthers on Saturday was junior Jess Johnston, who turned in a blistering time of 18:22 to win the meet. Johnston, whose time is even more imposing given that she had to stop to retie her shoes, came off of a summer of altitude training in Boulder to improve her time over last year by 40 seconds.

Trailing Johnston with a time of 18:58 was sophomore Michela Adrien. Adrien, who is coming off of a breakthrough spring track season, also saw considerable improvement over last year.

The top five finishes were rounded out by Kasie Wallace '01, Kate Irvin '01, and Kaitlin Gregg '03, who ran respective times of 19:16, 19:24 and 19:36.

Gregg's performance is particularly impressive given that she missed the spring track season due to a knee injury. The same injury eventually led to minor knee surgery this past July, which hampered her training. "I was really pleased to be running without pain and to be getting back in shape. I really enjoyed myself," quipped Gregg.

Also turning in an impressive performance was freshman Molly Yazwinski. She took 8th place with a time of 19:54. Close on her heals was a pack of six Middlebury runners composed of Sarah Day '01, Margery Glover '04, Rose Nash '01, Susan Ludwick '02, Laura Daly '01 and Larcomb Teichgraeber '03.

They took places 12 through 18 with times ranging between 20:05 and 20:20. They allowed only one other runner to squeeze into their pack.

Gregg's performance is particularly impressive given that she missed the spring track season due to a knee injury. The same injury eventually led to minor knee surgery this past July.

"It was a huge help, we ran the whole race together and pushed each other in the end—definitely great for the first race," stated Daly.

Trailing this pack were first-years Karin Ericson and Kelly Heany in 21st and 22nd places. They ran times of 20:34 and 20:42.

Overall, the meet bodes well for the team's season. Co-captain Kate Irvin noted the increased experience of the team (only one senior graduated last year) and the improved times that individual runners had this year as compared to their times on the same course last year. She commented on the season's outlook, "There was a lot of improvement on our team. Jess ran 40 seconds faster than last year despite having to tie her shoes; Kasie was 10 seconds faster; Rose was 20 seconds faster; Susan took off a minute; right on down the list. People came into preseason in shape and worked well together as a team."

The team will be heading to Maine this weekend for the Colby Invitational.

Andrew Corrigan

On their way to winning this past weekend's cross country meet, the women's team took the top five places.

Women's soccer dodges key injuries

By Andrew Zimmerman
Staff Writer

This past week the Middlebury women's soccer team won twice to improve their record to 3–0 and 2–0 in NESCAC play. The wins included a 7-0 rout against Lyndon State College and a tight 1-0 win over ninth-ranked conference foe Tufts University.

On September 12 the Panthers traveled to Lyndon State for just their second game of the young season. Heading into the game the team was without the services of Britt Kittelsen '03, Caitlin Ryan '02 and Leah Cumsky-Whitlock '03.

Women's Soccer

Tuesday, September 12th

Middlebury	7
Lyndon State	0

Saturday, September 16th

Tufts	0
Middlebury	1

Despite the absences of such key players, the Panthers came out and put together a full team effort.

Kendra Slater '01 led the way offensively with two goals, including a phenomenal effort with the left foot. Amanda Green '03 made a solid contribution by setting up two of the Panther's seven goals.

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Despite the lopsided score, the Lyndon State women's squad came with relentless pressure for the full 90 minutes. The team runs 20 players deep and all got to contribute in the win.

Said coach Boettcher; "There is virtually no drop-off in play when our subs are in there". The 2000 team is certainly balanced as they are getting results from both starters and the bench players.

On Saturday the women were home to take on Tufts who were also off to a fast 2-0 start.

The game was a nail-biter from the kickoff as both teams traded scoring chances in the first half. The match was a stalemate for most of the second half as well.

The difference that decided the game was the Panthers intensity especially in the final 20 minutes of the game. Up front, Amanda Fiedler generated the Middlebury attack and was a dominating presence in the middle. She distributed to the wings where the Panthers were able to create some chances with crosses. Down the stretch Middlebury relied on the hard work of Britt Kittelsen and Anna Gayman in the right midfield spot.

When Middlebury finally broke through in the 85th minute, it was no surprise that the goal came on a corner kick from the right side. Kendra Slater crossed a long, arching ball into the box and Anna Gayman headed it home to put Middlebury ahead to stay.

Said coach Boettcher of the game-winning goal coming off the head of one of the shortest players on the field, "It is just the icing on the cake".

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Of note was the play of the defense in the final 20 minutes. Tufts applied pressure all game, especially after the Middlebury goal, but the defensive corps was up to the challenge.

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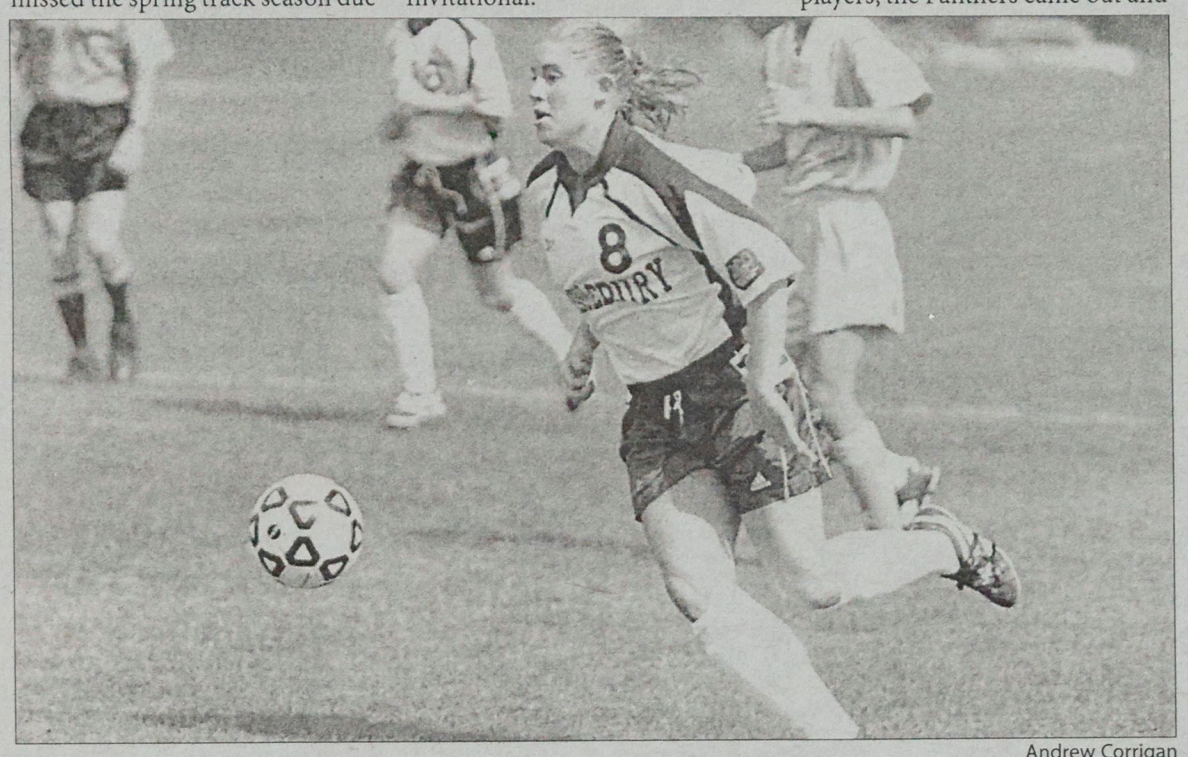
As the Panthers enter this week they will do so as the forth-ranked team in New England. They will play Colby-Sawyer on Tuesday without goalie Ali Connolly . First-year backup Jess Larson will be the net minder for the Panthers against Colby-Sawyer.

Middlebury also has number five Bowdoin visiting for a crucial conference match-up on Saturday.



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Haley Holmer '02 advances the ball up field during the women's soccer game on Saturday. The team defeated Tufts by a score of 1-0. The women's soccer team now has a record of 3-0 and will play Bowdoin on the 23rd.